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51-vote defeat for the Government

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government slumped to a humiliating defeat last night as the Commons voted decisively to force MPs to declare their outside earnings.

With about 18 Conservatives voting with Labour, the House decided by an astonishingly large margin — 51 votes — in favour of the Nolan committee call for the declaration of all fees related to MPs' parliamentary activities.

In so doing it rejected the conclusion of the Tory-dominated Select Committee on Standards in Public Life that such earnings should remain confidential. It was one of a series of changes last night that will change for good the way the Commons operates.

The outcome was a blow for the Prime Minister who set up the Nolan committee after a wave of sleaze allegations against Tory MPs but who then threw his weight behind those of his backbenchers supporting non-disclosure.

He was last night being publicly and privately blamed by some Tory MPs both for establishing Nolan in the first place and then for allowing himself to be associated so strongly with a failed attempt to defeat one of the committee's main proposals.

Labour was jubilant. Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the House, who moved the successful amendment calling for disclosure, spoke of "a very good night for the reputation of Parliament and a terrible night for the reputation of John Major". She said the result was right for the House of Commons and right for the whole system of government.

Mr Major, in Israel for the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, did not take part in the vote on which he had staked his authority. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown were also in Jerusalem.

Shortly before the crucial vote, the House approved a ban on paid advocacy by MPs, a proposal that went further than the original Nolan recommendations.

MPs will now be prevented from advocating or initiating any cause on behalf of an outside body or individual through the use of speeches, motions, questions or amendments.

Mrs Taylor was loudly cheered by Tories when she said there were members on both sides who resented the fact that all MPs were getting a bad name because of the activities of a few. Tom King, Tory MP for Bridgwater, and a member of the Nolan Committee, pledged to back the ban on paid advocacy, but he voiced misgivings over the difficulties of making the distinction between advice and advocacy. For the Liberal Democrats Robert MacLennan said the arguments against disclosure were specious and unconvincing.

Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, said that a ban on paid advocacy went "significantly further" than the curbs proposed by Nolan. The key issue was that MPs should not be paid to initiate parliamentary proceedings or to initiate them on behalf of clients to whom they were paid advisers. In other words, they should not advocate in parliament the cause of outside interests from which they receive remuneration.

John Biffen, a former Commons Leader and one of the Tory MPs backing disclosure, said the whole debate was driven by public unease about the affairs of parliament. MPs could not ignore "the forces outside this chamber".

Sir Edward Heath said the affair had been "appallingly handled" and should not have been rushed through. He said the public had a right to know about public salaries. "Why does the public have a right to know about financial reward for our individual private activities?"

He accused Labour of working on a doctrine of envy and hatred and said the Opposition could find no evidence to support the publication of financial information. "They don't want to fight the election on policies, they want to fight it on envy and greed. This House has always been known as an honourable House and members as honourable members and that is the way we should behave in future."

Tim Sainsbury, a former minister, supported Tory backbenchers calling for new rules on disclosure to be introduced at the start of the next Parliament. "That does seem to me to be a much fairer and simpler system."

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Arab statesmen lead tributes as Rabin is buried

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK RABIN, the rough-hewn Israeli soldier turned peacemaker extraordinary, was paid the ultimate tribute at his funeral yesterday when Arab leaders whom he had fought and defeated stood at his simple grave in the pine-scented cemetery named after Theodor Herzl, the father of modern Zionism.

In a potent sign of hope after his assassination by an extreme right-wing Jewish opponent of the Middle East peace process, the red and white chequered head-dress of King Husain of Jordan, the blue baseball cap worn as an impromptu head-covering by President Mubarak of Egypt and the curved daggers of the Omani delegation stood out among the grief-stricken crowd.

Both the Jordanian and Egyptian leaders were paying their first visits to Jerusalem since the Arab eastern sector was captured by forces led by Mr Rabin in 1967. The two, survivors of numerous assassination attempts, appeared unmoved by the reality that their presence will increase the risk that Islamic militants will seek a symbolic revenge.

Israeli soldiers and officials standing near as earth was thrown on Mr Rabin's grave could scarcely restrain their emotion at the sight of the Jordanian monarch and Queen Noor weeping openly as the Kaddish, the prayer for the dead, was said by Mr Rabin's son, Yuval. "This sight would have been impossible to imagine just three years ago. It means that everything is not lost," one official whispered.

In keeping with the determination of Israel to use the remarkable funeral — attended by 22 presidents, 25 prime ministers and royalty including the Prince Charles of Wales — as a force to push the peace process forward, King Husain was given pride of place as eulogiser over President Clinton. The King had been present in Jerusalem in 1951 when his grandfather, King Abdullah, was killed during an earlier attempt to bring together Arab and Jew.



"A man who changes is often a traitor in the eyes of those who can never change"

—Amos Oz, page 15

In a moving address before 4,000 invited mourners and the largest press corps to gather in the holy city since the arrival of President Sadat in 1977, the King, who next week celebrates his sixtieth birthday, said of Mr Rabin: "You lived as a soldier, you died as a soldier for peace. I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and speak about peace.

"I never thought that the moment would come like this, when I would grieve the loss of a brother, a colleague and a friend, a man, a soldier who met us on the opposite side of a divide, who we respected as he respected us," the King added with obvious sincerity in a part of the world renowned for its duplicity.

Similar sentiments were voiced by President Mubarak, who 14 years ago was splattered with the blood of his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, when he became another casualty of the extremists for whom Middle East peace is the main enemy. In June, he survived a similar attempt in Addis Ababa.

"The best memorial for Yitzhak Rabin is to continue what he started, which is the peace process," he told mourners who included Jimmy Carter, the former American President who masterminded the Camp David peace process and later attended Mr Sadat's funeral in 1981.

Up to a million Israelis filed past the flag-draped coffin before it was brought to the hillside cemetery overlooking the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem. Also present were representatives of four other Arab states, including Qatar, which last month agreed to start providing the Jewish state with natural gas in a ground-breaking deal, and of the Palestinian authority. The absence of its chairman, Yassir Arafat, because of "security concerns" was a jarring reminder of the many obstacles that remain in the way of any lasting settlement.

Shimon Peres, the acting Israeli Prime Minister, was quick to note the symbolism of the Arab presence. It included many Arab secret servicemen who co-operated with their Jewish counterparts and joined a huge security operation that included labrador sniffer dogs, helicopter gunships and 10,000 members of the Israeli security forces.

"Goodbye my older brother, the peacemaker," Mr Peres said of the man with whom he had often sparred politically in the past. "The man who murdered you will not be able to murder the idea that you carried. I see our Arab neighbours, and I want to tell them that peace is attainable, both here and with you."

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Leah Rabin is comforted by her grandson as she touches her husband's coffin

Western support for the peace drive was headed by Mr Clinton and a formidable delegation of Americans who arrived in six jets. Accompanied by his wife, Hillary, the American President spoke of Mr Rabin as a *chaver*, the Hebrew word for "friend". Mr Clinton said: "Now it falls to all of us who love peace and who loved him to carry on the struggle for which he gave his life."

Hundreds of the mourners broke into tears as Mr Rabin's 17-year-old granddaughter, Noa Ben-Artzi, shared her deeply personal memories of the gruff but amiable man she called "our own private hero". The gut emotion became more wrenching as an aide to the murdered Israeli Prime Minister produced the blood-stained paper containing the words of the *Song for Peace* that he had sung out of tune minutes before he was shot dead.

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Lab mix-up led to abortion of healthy baby

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

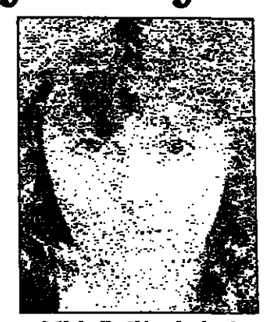
A HOSPITAL admitted yesterday that a laboratory mix-up led to a woman having her healthy baby aborted while a second, whose child had Down's syndrome, was told hers was normal.

When doctors carried out tests on the aborted foetus, which was a girl rather than the expected boy, there was no evidence of Down's syndrome and they realised there had been a mistake.

A sample of amniotic fluid from the second woman was then re-examined and, after further tests, Michelle Woods was told her baby had Down's syndrome. She had an abortion at 20 weeks.

Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge, which analysed the samples for the West Suffolk hospital in Bury St Edmunds, said yesterday that it had apologised to both women and procedures had been tightened. Both women were said to be devastated.

Ms Woods had been warned that she might be carrying a Down's baby after a routine blood test and when an amniocentesis test on fluid from her womb apparently gave her the all clear, she spent a weekend celebrating. But a few days later, she and her partner, Russell Barnard, 44, had their hopes dashed when the hospital telephoned to say there had been a mistake, and after a third test, she had an abortion.

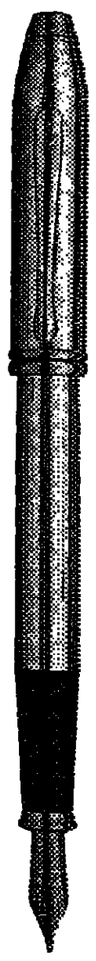


Michelle Woods: had been given the all-clear

Ms Woods, who has three other children, said: "I was over the moon, especially after all the worry. I'd gone to pieces after the blood test and waiting for the amnio results.

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Tory suspended

A schoolboy whose views caused controversy at the Tory conference has been suspended by his local association. **Page 2**

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Bride back at church 20 years on — for divorce

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A TEARFUL congregation stood as the organ played *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, Christina Stark's favourite wedding hymn. But Ms Stark was not getting married; the 50 guests had gathered in church to mark her divorce.

Ms Stark and Michael Gunning had been married for 20 years and she wanted a church service to symbolise the new beginning after their civil divorce.

The service is one of only a handful of its type to have taken place. But a growing number of people are seeking church services to mark such events, although no church has yet officially included them in its prayer books.

Ms Stark, who had sung the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* at her wedding, said: "Everyone I contacted said they had never heard of a divorce being marked in church, but they thought it was a good idea. There were quite a few guests who were at the marriage service. A lot of people who have gone through divorce said they had wished they had done the same."

Ms Stark's parents and 17-year-old son Duncan Gunning were at the service and her former husband was invited, "but he said it was not his type of thing".

The Rev Fleur Houston who conducted the service at the United Reform Church in Upper Hanover Street, Sheffield, said: "As Christina was married in church, she felt that she need to have the ending of the marriage marked in church, too. A lot of people do need a release from the pain before they can start life again."

Mrs Houston wrote her own liturgy for the service, which lasted 45 minutes, and concentrated on remembering the good things which came from the marriage. The congregation sang hymns and said prayers for 42-year-old Ms Stark.

"The service was not a sombre affair and afterwards people were in a happy and relaxed mood," Mrs Houston said. "It is the first service of its kind that I have performed, but it seems to have worked well."

A spokesman for the Church of England said such services had been "mooted" at various times but nothing formal had been done.

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Christina Stark: service for a new beginning

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MPs stray from wonderland to wilderness

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

FORGET the small print. The House of Commons has got itself into a complete mess about Nolan.

The arrival in the Chamber of Barry Porter (C, Wirral South) with his arm in a sling, summed up the mood. Porter had been fingered by the weekend press in connection with a discussion (no more) about cash for deputations. Yesterday, bruised and dejected, his injuries expressed openly what many Members felt inwardly. "A sense of unease and distaste," was how John Biffen (C, Shropshire North) put it.

He understated. The Chamber was never full, the mood was not confident on the Government side and by no means triumphalist among opposition MPs. Everybody seemed to be at cross-purposes. "Madam Speaker," spluttered a baffled Michael Fabricant (C, Mid Staffordshire) "if someone passes a motion in the House . . ."

Laughter. "What?" cackled Dennis Skinner, "on the Floor?" This was one of the few exchanges anyone understood.

Tony Banks (Lab, Newham North West) wanted to know whether a wildlife charity would be able to continue funding one of his research assistants without effectively gagging him in future wildlife debates. Tony Newton, Leader of the House, seemed to give him one answer, then later to suggest another.

Roger Sims (C, Chislehurst) wondered why the word "advocate" did not include making speeches. Mr Newton told him it just didn't. Newton made threatening noises about MPs who wrote regular newspaper columns or compered TV programmes, the eyes of rat-like Tory backbenchers, whiskers aquiver, darting round the Chamber in search of Charles Kennedy, Austin Mitchell or Roy Hattersley to squeak at. When challenged on detail or interpretation, both front benches floundered. Tony Newton gave us his usual impression of a seriously rattled bus conductor, while his shadow, Ann Taylor, seemed unconfident of her brief, hesitating (in response to an interruption from the Tories' Nigel Evans about railway union sponsored MPs' "advocacy") that "they . . . er . . . wouldn't have been paid *directly*".

Oddly enough, the Commons *impasse* concerning disclosure of fees did not seem to unsettle yesterday's debate as much as a different issue. The question of disclosure is one of those simple rows MPs love best: you choose which side to be on, then thumb your nose at your opponents and call them villains. No, what seemed to derail a wretched debate before it even started was a doubt expressed by speaker after speaker. Banks, Sims, Biffen, and Tom King (who was on the Nolan Committee) all wanted to know how you define "paid advocacy"? Both front benches were supporting a ban on paid advocacy. Neither seemed to know what it meant.

As it is plain to the meanest intelligence that no fixed definition of paid advocacy will ever be found, the whole debate took on an *Alice in Wonderland* quality. To a House anxious to know what the term would signify, Mr Newton stammered that it would signify what the House thought it would signify.

Your sketchwriter is no great brain. He intends it as anything but a boast when he suggests that five minutes' exploratory discussion on the top deck of a London bus, conducted at random with any passenger found there, would establish that (as John Biffen put it) "the moment we start trying to distinguish between advocacy and advice" we are in a wilderness.

Yesterday MPs wandered deeper into the wilderness.

Suspended schoolboy Tory 'to start own party'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SCHOOLBOY chosen to represent Tottenham Tories at last month's Conservative party conference has been suspended by his local association. Justin Hinchcliffe, 14, called Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, a "dictator" and said he would start his own political party.

The boy, who claimed to be "even more right wing than Margaret Thatcher", was bold enough to introduce himself to the Prime Minister at a conference reception. "John Major said I was a prophet," he reported proudly after their meeting.

Roger Smethurst, his local association chairman, announced last week that he was being suspended until he had finished his schooling because his studies at St Augustine's in Westminster were suffering.

Justin said: "They said being a member of the Conservative Party was affecting my education. That's totally untrue. The fact is they've suspended me because of my right-wing views.

"The dictator — I should say Dr Brian Mawhinney — was behind all this. He told Roger Smethurst to suspend me."

Justin, who is appealing against his suspension, went on: "Roger Smethurst should resign. He is a useless chairman. I would be willing to take on his job."

Justin added that his party would be called The Independent Conservatives, but have the same policies as the existing Tory party. He claimed he could get 20 to 30 members straight away among disillusioned Tories.

Justin's right-wing views include attacks on single mothers, even though his own mother, Susan, is a lone parent dependent on state benefits to raise him and his brother.

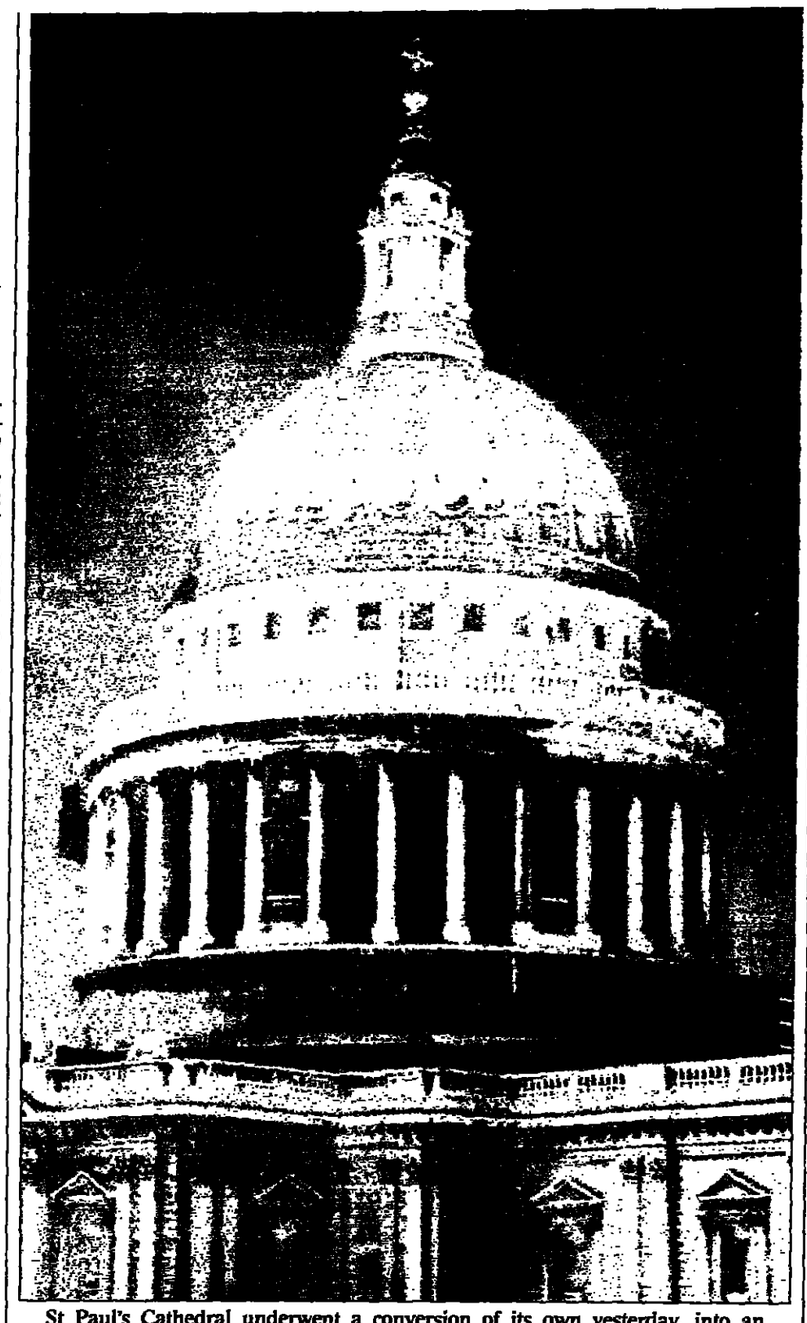
Justin, who lives with his mother and his half brother Christopher, 5, in a council flat in Tottenham, north London left two schools in Tottenham because he found them to be unsatisfactory, claiming that in one of them he was the only pupil in his class who spoke English.

His jobless mother receives £85 a week in benefit and has her £200-a-month rent paid for by the State.

He said: "A lot of people in this position spend their money on alcohol and cigarettes and then complain to the Government they haven't enough money. Other single monthers should shut up and manage as we do."



Hinchcliffe: appealing against his suspension



St Paul's Cathedral underwent a conversion of its own yesterday, into an advertising hoarding. In return for a donation to the fund for the restoration of the cathedral's Whispering Gallery, the cathedral authorities agreed to allow the dome to be used for the launch of a new Wispa chocolate bar by Cadbury

HMSO sues CD-Rom firm

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

HER Majesty's Stationery Office has launched an unprecedented legal action against one of the country's leading publishers in a wrangle over Crown copyright materials.

The HMSO, which has been accused in recent months of abusing its monopoly position over Crown copyright, is now locked in a battle with Butterworths over the publication of tax manuals produced by the Inland Revenue.

The tax manuals, which until last year were secret, are of crucial importance in that they provide guidance on tax policy and on how revenue inspectors interpret the law.

The HMSO has now issued writs against Compliance Ltd, the company which produces the tax manuals electronically on CD-Rom in a joint venture with Butterworths. HMSO is claiming a breach of copyright and seeking an injunction to restrict further publication.

The legal action comes in the wake of a decision last year by the Inland Revenue, in line with open-government policy, to bring the tax manuals into the public domain. It offered a contract to Tolleys, a publisher which specialises in tax books, which Tolleys and the Inland Revenue understood to be on an exclusive basis.

Butterworths argues it also has a right to publish the materials as it already has a licence with the HMSO to publish Crown copyright materials in paper form: and Compliance has a licence from HMSO to publish material in electronic form.

David Millett, a publishing director of Butterworths, said: "It is our belief that the licence that we and Compliance have to reproduce Crown copyright materials is valid and will be shown to be so."

Brixton IRA escapers freed and re-arrested

Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley, the IRA terrorists who escaped from Brixton Prison, were released from jail in the Irish Republic yesterday and immediately arrested on extradition warrants from Scotland Yard.

The two men, both 30, were among four IRA inmates released early from Portlaoise Prison as a reward for the ceasefire. Dublin District Court then remanded them in custody to the city's Mountjoy jail for one week. Quinlivan and McAuley had been awaiting trial on charges including plotting to murder the former Whitbread chairman Sir Charles Tidbury when they produced a gun and escaped from Brixton in 1991.

Universities pledge

Four out of ten schoolleavers would go on to higher education under a Labour government, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, promised — but students might have to find part of the cost. Existing plans are for three out of ten to go to university or college by the end of the decade. However, ministers are reviewing demand for higher education, and may renew the current bar on expansion next year. Mr Blunkett also promised nursery school places for all three and four-year-olds wanting them.

GP reconsiders removal

A family doctor who planned to remove eight children from his patient list because their parents refused to have them immunised changed his mind yesterday. Dr John Goodall-Copestake, whose practice is in Presteigne, Powys, has been left £2,000 a year out of pocket because he cannot meet health service immunisation targets. He risked disciplinary action by the General Medical Council (GMC) for breaking rules on discriminating against patients on financial grounds.

ENO conductor quits

Sian Edwards, who in 1991 at the age of 32 became the first woman conductor to head a national opera company, announced yesterday that she would leave her post as music director of the English National Opera next month. Since she took up the appointment in August 1993, Edwards, who won the first Leeds Conductors' Competition, has conducted eight productions for the company, including the Olivier Award winner, *Khovanshchina*, and Jonathan Miller's latest interpretation of *Carmen*.

Thief posed as scholar

A bookmaker who posed as a scholar to steal valuable illustrations from 18th-century natural history encyclopaedias kept at the British Library was jailed for four years. Melvin West, 39, of Epping, east London, gained access to copies of Johann Weinmann's *Phytanthoza Iconographia* and to volumes donated in 1827 by Sir Joseph Banks, the botanist who accompanied Captain Cook. West admitted three counts of damaging property and three of theft at St Albans Crown Court.

Hare Krishna fined

The Hare Krishna movement was fined £30,000 and ordered to pay £7,184 costs at Luton Crown Court for flouting planning laws by allowing thousands of followers to celebrate Janmastami, a religious festival, in August, at Bhaktivedanta Manor, near Letchworth Heath, Watford. People in the village had complained about the pilgrimage made by Hindus from all over Britain to the manor, which only has permission to be used as a theological college for about 50 students.

Films get £200m boost

The Malaysian-based Millenium Group Limited has exercised its option to buy the 300-acre Leavesden Aerodrome site in Hertfordshire, where the new James Bond film *Goldeneye* was shot, for £42.75 million. Including further investment, the move is a £200 million boost for the British film industry that could create 3,000 jobs over three years and create the world's largest studio backlot. Rolls Royce left the site in 1993 and it was unused until it was leased last year for the James Bond film.

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British servicemen to receive Nato Medal

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO is to award its first operational medal to British soldiers and other service personnel involved in the alliance's missions in the former Yugoslavia.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, formed 46 years ago, had never been engaged in a military operation until invited to provide support for the United Nations Protection Force (Unprofor) in the former Yugoslavia in 1992.

A recommendation from Nato headquarters in Brussels for a special medal to be awarded has been approved by all 16 member governments. The Queen has also given her approval for the medal to be worn.

The Nato Medal, with the clasp "Former Yugoslavia", will be issued to all servicemen and women who complete 30 days' continuous or accumulated service in the Nato "theatre of operations".

However, troops from Britain and the other countries serving as United Nations peacekeepers in the former Yugoslavia are already eligible for the Unprofor Medal, and will not be able to apply for the Nato Medal if it is for the same period of service.

A party of British soldiers, sailors and airmen will fly to Brussels on November 27 for the first presentation ceremony of the new medal at Nato headquarters.

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Abortion mix-up

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Then I had to go to King's College Hospital in London for blood to be taken out of the cord. Four days later, I was told the baby was Down's and had a massive hole in the heart, and it was a girl. I couldn't believe it. I was gutted.

"I was 20 weeks when I had the operation and I held my baby. Russell was with me and we named her Amelia."

Ms Woods's solicitor, Owen Lloyd, said he would be seeking damages on her behalf. "Her situation is pretty wretched but it is nothing like as bad as for the other woman." He expected to be "in the thousands, not the tens of thousands". The other woman, who has not been identified, could qualify for more, depending on her age, whether it was her first child, and whether she had been trying for a baby for a long time.

Addenbrooke's said that internal and external inquiries blamed human error, but was impossible to identify who was responsible because of the number of people working in the laboratory and the number of samples sent for testing. The independent inquiry into the mistake, which was discovered on September 4, found "there were no flaws in the laboratory's protocols that contributed to the error".

Professor Martin Bobrow, Clinical Director of Medical Genetics at Addenbrooke's, said: "We have offered an unqualified apology to these two families. My staff are devastated that such a mistake, which has never happened here before, could have occurred."

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Victims tied to tree with laces

Boy rapist preyed on schoolgirls after seeing porn film

BY MIKE HORSNELL

A BOY of 14 who sexually attacked schoolgirls after watching a pornographic video was sentenced to seven years' detention yesterday.

The boy, who cannot be named, raped a 12-year-old girl and indecently assaulted her friend, also 12, after tying them to a tree with their shoelaces. He was wearing a balaclava and brandishing a knife when he attacked them as they pushed their bicycles home after a picnic.

He admitted the sex charges and kidnapping the girls on May 31. He also pleaded guilty to kidnapping and indecently assaulting two other girls in March and indecently assaulting an 11-year-old girl on May 30.

Balaclavas, knives, women's clothing and a pornographic video were found at his home after his arrest. The boy said he had planned the first double attack: "I got the idea from watching a video." Of the May 31 attack he said: "I knew what I was going to do. I planned it for about a month."

Michael Shorrock, QC, for the prosecution, told Manchester Crown Court that the incidents happened at Waterworks Country Park in Oldham. The most serious incident took place after two 12-year-old friends decided to have a picnic during their school holidays.

"They were confronted by the defendant. He was wearing a black balaclava pulled over his face. He produced a knife and threatened the girls. He made them go up a path to a secluded spot. He then forced both girls to undress, ripping off some of their clothing himself," Mr Shorrock said.

The boy took their shoelaces and tied each by the wrist to a small tree. Then he indecently assaulted them and raped one. After the attacks the boy told them to wait 20 minutes. He took their clothing and told them where they would find it. "The girls managed to free themselves. They were seen, both naked and very distressed, by two passers-by."

The March attack involved two girls aged 12 and 11 who were playing. They saw a boy coming towards them and ran off towards a main road. "Before they could get there the boy caught up with them. By this time he had a balaclava covering his face," Mr Shorrock said. "This boy took hold of both girls and produced a knife. He forced them to go with him off the path to a secluded spot."

When one of the girls started screaming the boy threatened her with his knife and said: "Do you want to die?" The attack ended when a woman rider passed by.

The boy was traced after the May 30 assault. He was identified by other children playing near where the attack took place. When arrested he told police: "I want a DNA test. That will prove I haven't done it."

Mr Justice Sachs told the boy yesterday: "You plainly have very serious problems. You are, in my view, extremely dangerous. It is a sick and sad world when young girls can't go out into the open air, into the countryside, because they were subjected by you to this awful experience."

The sentence was criticised by the father of the rape victim. "He should have got 15 years, and maybe life. If you are old enough to commit the crime, you are old enough to pay the full penalty," said the man, who cannot be named for legal reasons. He said of his daughter: "She was very upset but she is beginning to come through it now."

SHAWN BALDWIN



Julia Somerville arriving for work at ITN's headquarters in London yesterday

Colleagues rally round couple in child photo case

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND STEWART TENDLER

JULIA SOMERVILLE returned to work yesterday, telling colleagues at ITN that she would fight to clear her name after being arrested and questioned about 28 photographs of a naked child.

The laboratory technician at Boots who reported the photographs to the police was suspended from his duties yesterday after talking to the press. Sheldon Atkinson, 24, told *The Sun* that there were too many pictures of the girl. "I realised that the first few shots were of a child in the bath, and as I carried on through it dawned on me that every single picture showed the girl naked."

Miss Somerville, 48, and Jeremy Dixon, 56, her partner since June 1994, were questioned by the police for seven hours about the photographs last week. Mr Dixon, who took the pictures, is a keen amateur photographer and takes all the photographs for his award-winning Covent Garden architectural practice. The couple, who live in north London, were released on bail until next month.

Miss Somerville arrived for work shortly before 9am yesterday and presented the lunchtime news with Nicholas Owen. ITN staff said they had been deluged with telephone calls from viewers supporting Miss Somerville and that she had been showered with cards and flowers from colleagues. "She is very buoyed by the support of everyone," an ITN spokeswoman said.

Edward Jones, Mr Dixon's partner in the architectural practice, said last night that Mr Dixon often carried his camera with him and would think nothing of shooting a whole roll of film on a single subject. "He does not mix his subjects, even if it's a subject which requires only four or five photos. There was a birthday cake which he photographed 28 times and he took two reels of sheep in a field.

"I cannot overstress the point that Jeremy has great integrity and moral standing and is a great family person." Mr Dixon, who is a divorced father of three, had "a very well-adjusted social life".

Boots confirmed last night that the procedure for alerting the police over suspicious photographs was used only rarely. Laboratory staff are issued with a strict set of policy guidelines. A spokeswoman said: "The policy states that if a film contains pictures of activity which staff suspect could be be illegal the police are contacted and offered the opportunity to see the film.

"It is then up to the police to take any action which they consider appropriate. The procedure is implemented at our stores only rarely."

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Jealous secretary 'hired men to slash rival's face'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A JEALOUS woman hired two hitmen to attack a female colleague she believed was a rival in love, a court was told yesterday. Terese Dorne, 36, a chartered accountant, had her throat slashed and CS gas sprayed in her eyes.

One knife wound just missed her jugular vein. The other extended from her throat to one of her ears.

Diane Lewis, 24, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm at an earlier hearing. She had become mistakenly convinced that Mrs Dorne was involved with Ian French, her lover, who worked in the same office as the women, after seeing her smile at him, Snaresbrook Crown Court was told.

Raymond Johnson, 24, of Walworth, southeast London, one of the alleged hitmen, pleaded not guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm with intent between October 31 last year and January 10 this year, and also denied an alternative count of grievous bodily harm.

Andrew Lloyd-Eley, for the prosecution, said Mrs Dorne joined the accountants Carter Backer and Winter, of Highgate, north London, in October last year. Miss Lewis was employed as a secretary.

"It seems Miss Lewis gained the impression that Mrs Dorne was involved with or had designs on Mr French," the jury was told.

Mrs Dorne received silent telephone calls to her house during the next few months. On January 9 this year she left work to walk to her car and noticed two men near by. As she got into her car, one sprayed what appeared to be CS gas, Mr Lloyd-Eley said. Mrs Dorne felt her face being pulled forward and then heard the men run away laughing: "Only when she stepped from the car did she realise her face hadn't been pulled, but a sharp bladed instrument was used to cut her."

Mr Johnson was later picked out in an identity parade by two schoolgirls who saw him near the location of the attack. On the night of the attack Mrs Dorne's husband received a telephone call at home from a man with a "jovial laughing attitude" who asked to speak to the victim. The call was later traced to Mr Johnson's mobile telephone.

Police found a partly discharged canister of CS gas at Mr Johnson's house. In an interview he exercised his right to silence.

The case continues.

Student obsessed by colleague he killed

A SPANISH exchange student who became obsessed with a colleague as he struggled to make friends was jailed for life yesterday for murdering the 22-year-old woman.

Fernando Garrido, 26, bought two chef's knives in December last year and went to Margarita Zamorano's home in Canley, near Coventry, Birmingham Crown Court was told. When she opened the door he stabbed her 22 times, leaving one knife sticking from her side.

He left a note, covered in his blood, saying: "I had a great career in politics. Now it has all gone. She drove me mad, she deserved to die."

Both students were studying politics at Warwick University on a one-year exchange programme from their home university in Madrid. They came to know each other only after both won the scholarship to Warwick.

Garrido fled to Manchester after the attack and confessed to the murder to a priest. He made a full confession and admitted the murder in court yesterday.

Michael Kalisher, QC, for the defence, said: "He was attracted to this girl and had a sort of obsessional wish to have a relationship with her. She did not feel the same attraction to him."

Courage and humour of Paul Eddington recalled

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE son of Paul Eddington, the actor who died from skin cancer at the weekend, told yesterday how his father came home from hospital to die at home surrounded by his family. Hugo Eddington, 37, said the family was grateful that his father's legacy of television work, including *The Good Life* and *Yes, Minister*, would survive to be enjoyed for years to come.

Eddington, who was 68, returned to his home in Docklands, east London, from St Thomas's Hospital and died on Saturday. His wife, Patricia, who nursed him through the last months of his illness, was by his side.

As tributes came from Baroness Thatcher and from the actors Nigel Hawthorne, Richard Briers and Penelope Keith, Hugo Eddington said: "We are very grateful and glad that his legacy will remain on screen and on video." He added that his father had died "peacefully and with dignity and with members of the family in attendance. I was very glad to hold him and be with him at the last."



Eddington: video legacy

Eddington's condition may have been caused by the radiation he received as a treatment for back pains when he was about 32, his son said. "My father was taken to St Thomas's in a state of near collapse three weeks ago. He rapidly developed pneumonia and, according to his wish and ours, we got him home to die. It was beyond hope."

Lady Thatcher said: "Paul Eddington was an essential part of that magnificent team of actors who brought Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's superb scripts to life and who made *Yes, Minister and Yes, Prime Minister* such an enormous success."

Nigel Hawthorne, who played Sir Humphrey, the superior civil servant, to Eddington's bumbling Jim Hacker, said: "He was the bravest man I ever met; he never seemed to complain about his poor health and he had been ill for many years, but always bore it with dignity and humour."

Penelope Keith, who played his screen wife Margo in *The Good Life*, said: "I shall most remember his laughter — we laughed so much during *The Good Life*. When I think of Paul I shall remember his chuckle."

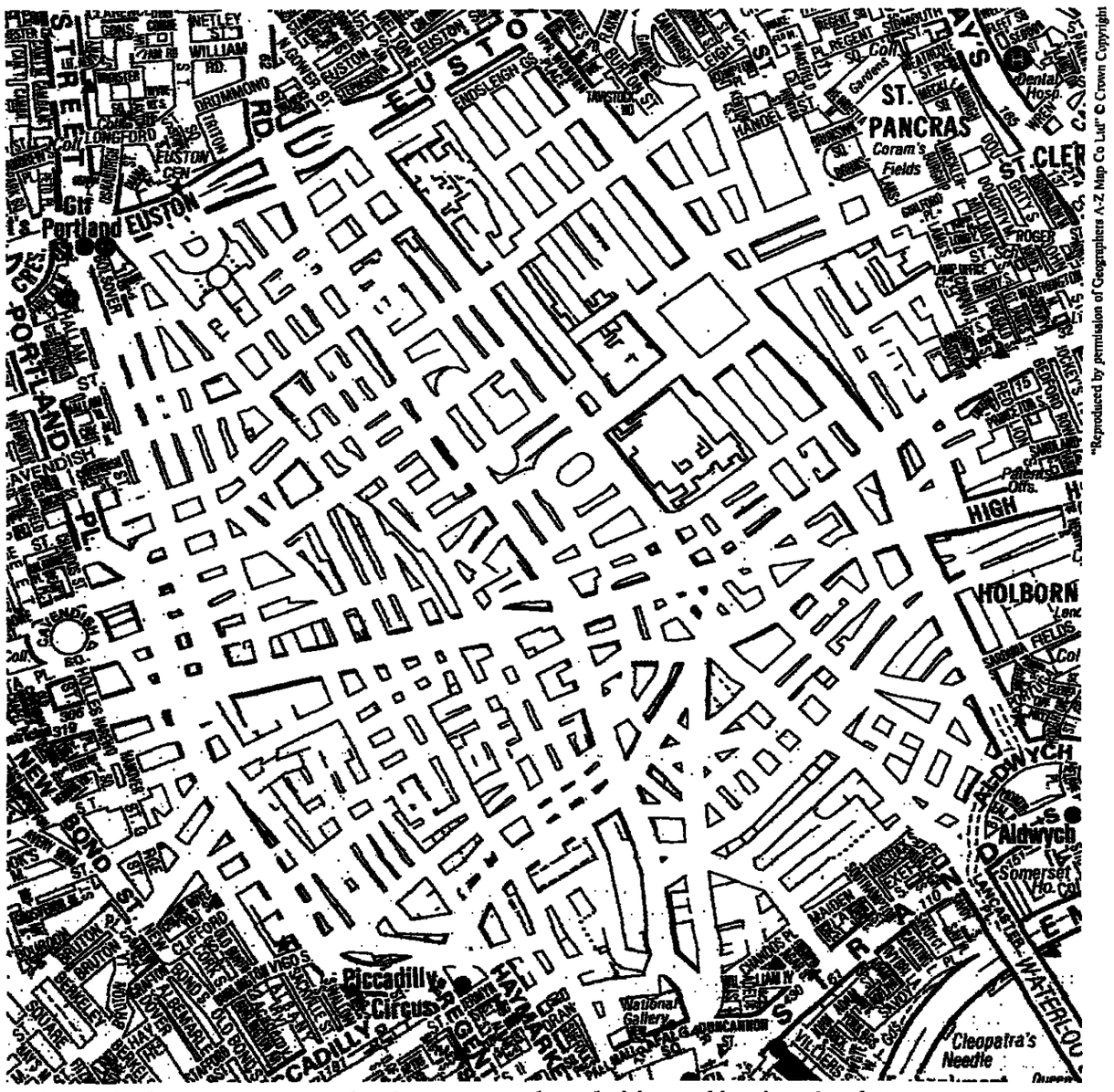
Richard Briers said: "I don't think I've known a more smashing bloke in all my years in showbusiness. He always dealt with his problems with humour and tenacity."

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He does not deserve sympathy, prosecution says of shotgun-wielding man who took on intruders

Vineyard owner accused of wounding burglars

BY LIN JENKINS

A VINEYARD owner fired on two burglars with a shotgun as they tried to steal wine from his bonded warehouse, it was alleged yesterday. Jon Pritchett, who heads his local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, peppered Stephen Gilbert and Charles O'Hara with pellets, injuring one of them in the arm.

The jury at Maidstone Crown Court was told that it might feel sympathy for Jon Pritchett's efforts to protect himself and his property. But Simon Russell Flint, for the prosecution, said that he had used more than the reasonable force allowed by law.

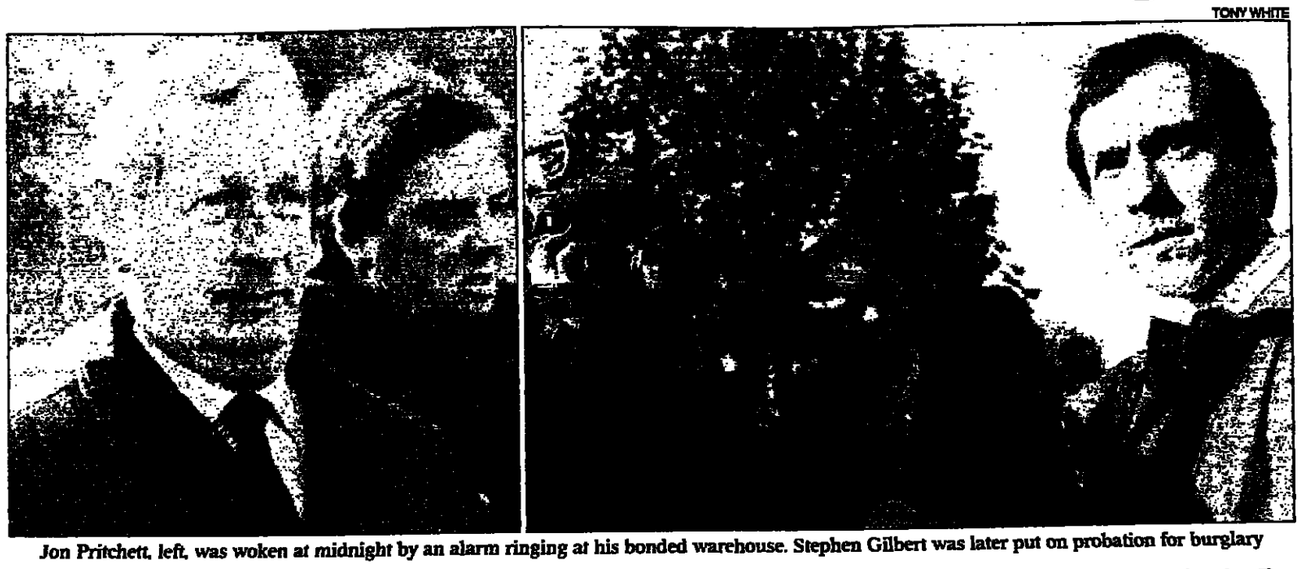
Mr Pritchett, 60, has pleaded not guilty to two charges of unlawful wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm on December 1 last year.

The warehouse had been broken into earlier, and Gilbert and O'Hara decided to try their luck after seeing the other burglars with their haul, Mr Russell Flint said.

Mr Pritchett and his wife were in bed when an alarm was triggered at about midnight by activity in the bonded warehouse 300 metres from their house in St Mary's Platt, Kent.

"The vineyard owner pulled on jeans and a jacket over his pyjamas, loaded two cartridges into his 12-bore double-barrelled shotgun and walked down towards the warehouse," Mr Russell Flint said. "When he got there, he heard voices. He did not know where they were and lifted the gun to his shoulder and fired at the door." As he did so he shouted: "You bastards." Gilbert had been sitting by a hole in the warehouse roof, waiting for O'Hara to pass out bottles.

TONY WHITE



Jon Pritchett, left, was woken at midnight by an alarm ringing at his bonded warehouse. Stephen Gilbert was later put on probation for burglary

After Mr Pritchett fired, Gilbert fell to the ground and tried to run. "Mr Pritchett reloaded and again fired, in the direction of the retreating burglar," Mr Russell Flint said. Gilbert had more than 100 pellet wounds, which damaged a nerve in his left arm, and spent four days in hospital. When O'Hara tried to get out of the warehouse he, too, was fired at and refused to come down until police arrived.

Gilbert, 31, of Yalding, Kent, was later put on one year's probation and ordered to pay £10 compensation by Tonbridge Magistrates' Court when he admitted burglary. He told the jury yesterday: "I have been unable to work since he shot me."

Gilbert had previous convictions for burglary and violent offences. Asked by Brian Leech, for the defence, if the incident had put him off burgling, he replied: "It shook me up, certainly."

In a taped police interview played to the jury, Mr Pritchett said: "All I wanted to do was frighten them." After he realised he had injured a man, he went to get help. "I started to cry. I could not stop myself." Asked why he reloaded to fire again, he said: "I was frightened myself."

He had not fired into the air as a warning because "I thought firing at the door was probably the best as it would do no harm, other than to my own property".

Mr Russell Flint told the jury: "There may be feelings of sympathy for Mr Pritchett's position. Such sympathy is misguided and unwarranted. Discharging a lethal weapon at both men to cause serious gun wounds and endanger their lives does not come within what the Crown would say was reasonable force. It was not just a starting pistol making a bang, or firing up in the air or into the ground. This was not just a slight peppering, but not insubstantial injuries."

The trial continues.

ON SATURDAY



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Gun that killed poacher 'went off accidentally'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FARMER who caught a poacher on his land said that his 12-bore shotgun went off accidentally during the late-night confrontation in which the poacher was killed.

The shot blew away half the head of Thomas Vout, 37, a known poacher who was out looking for rabbits, killing him instantly, Teesside Crown Court was told yesterday.

Douglas Bailes, who was concerned that the intruders' dogs would worry his pregnant ewes, denies manslaughter. After the incident last January on Mr Bailes's 600-acre farm near Trimdon, Co Durham, the farmer told a series of different stories to police, the court was told.

First he said he had been using a different gun with a faulty firing mechanism. He suggested it had gone off as he struggled with Mr Vout after the poacher tried to punch him. Finally he admitted that the weapon had discharged when he tried to club Mr Vout with the barrels as he fled through a hedge.

James Goss, for the prosecution, said: "We do not allege that Mr Bailes deliberately shot Vout intending to kill. On his own admission the defendant admitted striking a deliberate blow to stop Mr Vout getting away. That was an unlawful act.

"A forensic scientist will say that Vout could not have been standing upright when he was shot. We allege it was an unlawful killing by gross negligence in wielding a loaded shotgun in such a way that the barrels were brought into close proximity with the head of a man seeking to get away in darkness. Even if he did not intend the gun to go off, this was such a grossly negligent act as regards the safety of Mr Vout that the Crown submit this was manslaughter."

Mr Bailes, 31, went after the poacher with John Crozier, a friend and fellow farmer, after they spotted lights in one of his meadows at about 10.20 in the evening. They trapped him in the corner of the field and the shooting happened soon after.

Mr Bailes then hid the shotgun in a chicken shed before returning to the farmhouse where he lives with his wife and son. He called his father, saying the gun had gone off accidentally when Mr Vout grabbed the barrel. He then telephoned police, saying there had been an accident.

Mr Goss said Mr Vout, unemployed, who lived with his wife and two sons aged 10 and 12 in the nearby village of Murton, regularly went out at night with his lurcher dog and a torch, hoping to catch rabbits or hares, a practice known locally as lamping. On the night of his death he had gone with a friend. Both men were unarmed.

Jane Bailes, the farmer's wife, said that her husband saw the poachers when he put their puppy out into its kennel. He went out immediately, taking his shotgun. She told the jury: "He returned to the farmhouse after about 15 minutes white with shock and in a panic. He said there had been a bad, bad accident."

The trial continues today.

Rushdie odds on for Booker Prize

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SALMAN RUSHDIE is the "hottest ever favourite" to win the Booker Prize, according to Ladbrokes, which closed its betting yesterday ahead of tonight's announcement of the winner.

The Moor's Last Sigh is 4/7 with the bookmaker which, reading between the lines of the published reviews, placed Pat Barker's *The Ghost Road* (7/2) in second place, dismissing the three other novelists, Justin Cartwright, Barry Unsworth (both 6/1) and Tim Winton (14/1). A Ladbrokes spokesman said: "We couldn't manage to take one single bet for Tim Winton."

Martyn Goff, administrator of the Booker Prize, said: "I nearly always had a good idea about the winner. But this year, I really haven't." The publishing world expects the competition to be between Rushdie, Barker and Unsworth, who won in 1992 and who is on this year's list for *Morality Play*. The other two contenders are Cartwright's *In Every Face I Meet* and Winton's *The Riders*

The judges meet at 4pm in the 27th-floor boardroom of Booker's offices in Victoria, central London. Mr Goff said that the meeting was late because they wanted to shorten the period in which news could leak out before the 9pm announcement.

Sales of the shortlisted novels have been helped by the scrapping of the price-fixing Net Book Agreement. A spokesman for Waterstone's, the high street booksellers, said that the Rushdie, which they are discounting from £15.99 to £11.99, has been selling "really well, outselling all the other contenders". The only other one selling was *The Ghost Road*. Rushdie is in Waterstone's bestseller list in third place, behind Delia Smith and Robert Harris.

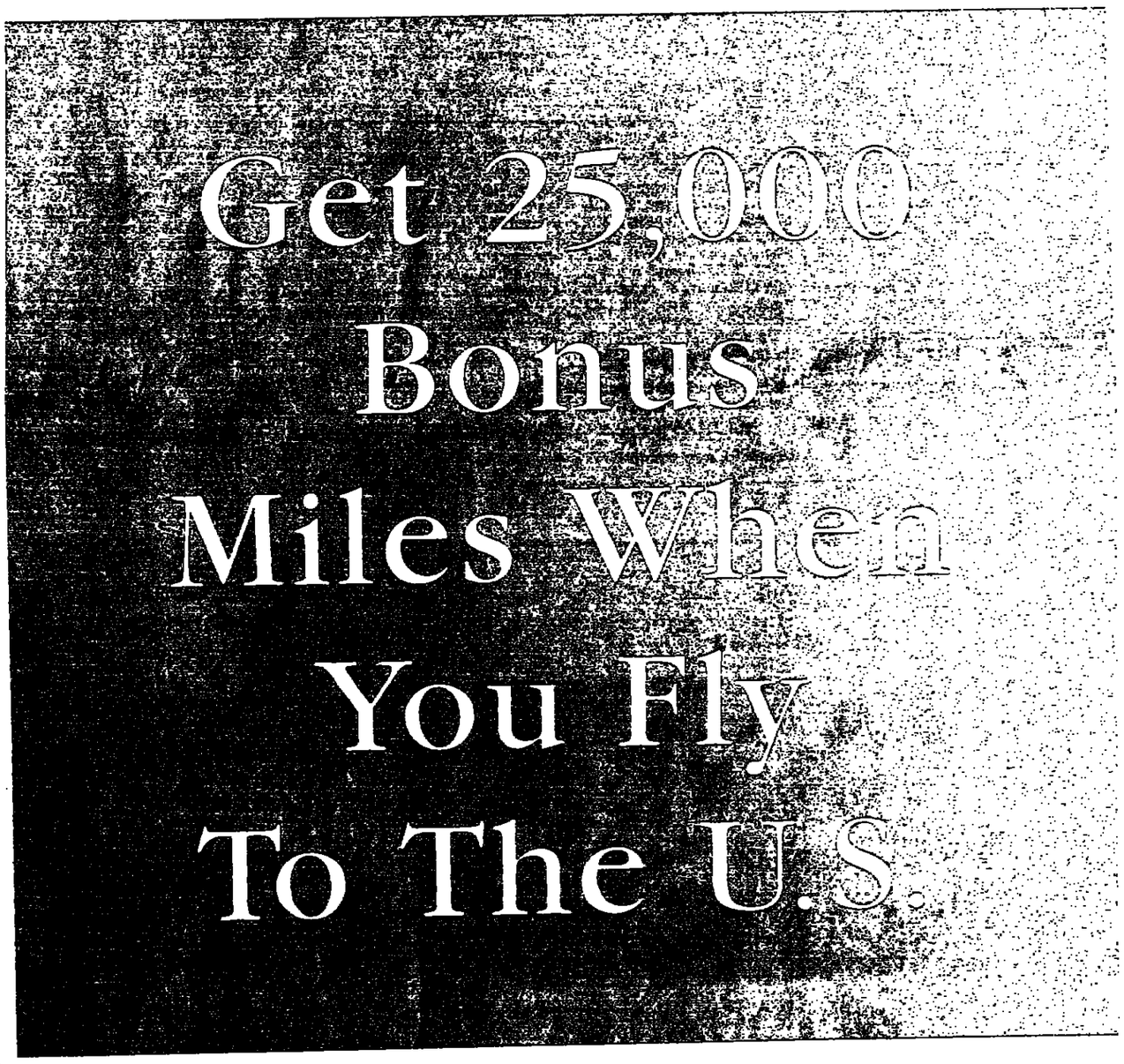
Dillons has found that sales are only "slightly better" since it offered a £2 discount on each of the five shortlisted novels.

A spokesman said, however: "Although the price hasn't increased sales dramatically, people are buying two rather than one."

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Fishing fleet must be halved to save stocks, says scientist

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING fisheries scientist said yesterday that there would be no cod and haddock left in waters round Britain by the turn of the century if European governments did not take action to conserve dwindling stocks.

Michael Holden, who worked for nearly 40 years for the Ministry of Agriculture and the European Commission in Brussels, called for the size of European fishing fleets to be cut by half.

"Halving the size of fleets will put fishermen out of work," he said at a dinner in London last night at which he received the British Academy of Gastronomes' grand prix for 1995. "But if something is not done stocks will run out and fishermen will be made bankrupt anyway."

Egon Ronay, president of the academy, said: "We are facing a catastrophe. One of our most precious culinary raw materials may have been completely destroyed within five years. European governments must act now. As they have paid farmers to 'set aside' some of their land, they must now pay the necessary proportion of fishermen to leave the industry."

The Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday that 164 British skippers have accepted about £70,000 each this year to scrap their boats. This will reduce the fishing fleet's capacity by 2.5 per cent and is part of a long-term £53 million decommissioning scheme.

This brings the number of boats taken out of service during the past three years to 461, a reduction of 7.9 per cent in the size of the fleet. The changes still leave Britain well short of the 17 per cent cutback which it is required to meet by the end of next year under European Union guidelines. Many other member states, including Spain, have already met their targets.

Meanwhile, the Government is investigating the case of a trawler whose Spanish owners have escaped paying fines and costs totalling £326,000 imposed earlier this year for illegal fishing. Last March magistrates in Plymouth fined the *Blenheim*, one of about 100 Spanish-owned trawlers registered in Britain, £311,000 for more than 20 offences, which included catching fish to which it was not entitled.

The magistrates ruled that the *Blenheim* should be detained in Falmouth, Cornwall, until the fine was paid. But in July the High Court ordered the vessel's release after a Spanish bank, the Banco Hispano Americano, claimed the boat was mortgaged to it. The *Blenheim* is now berthed in the Spanish port of Vigo.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said: "The company that owned the boat went bankrupt and the vessel had to be released to allow the priority creditor to foreclose on the mortgage. However, any proceeds from the sale of the boat left after the repayment of the mortgage will remain frozen."

David Harris, MP for St Ives, and chairman of the Conservatives' fisheries committee, said: "I have suggested that in future a condition should be attached to licences for fishing in our waters which would make clear that the payment of any fines must take precedence over all other claims."



Ronay: called for compensation payment

SIMON WALKER



Yelana Pankova, the Kirov Ballet star who will be dancing Odette in the forthcoming national tour of Ballet Classique d'Europe's production of *Swan Lake*, giving an inspiring hand at the lake in Battersea Park, London, yesterday to young pupils of the Strand Dance School

Officer failed breath test after colleague's report

BY TIM JONES

A SENIOR policeman investigating a complaint against a woman officer was arrested in his home after she reported him for drink-driving, a court was told yesterday.

WPC Elaine Buckle noticed that Superintendent Dennis Luty smelt strongly of drink and his eyes appeared to be glazed when he interviewed her at a Southampton police station about a complaint made against her, Aldershot magistrates were told.

Lawrence Henderson, for the prosecution, said that after the interview WCP Buckle made a note of Mr Luty's car registration and alerted the police control room. Mr Luty was followed home by Ian Readhead, now Hampshire's assistant chief constable, and acting Inspector James Hazlett.

Mr Luty, 55, a former member of the force complaints and discipline department, refused to take a breath test. A test taken at the police station showed he had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol. Mr Henderson said Mr Luty, from Bassett, Southampton, at first denied he had been drinking, saying he was a diabetic.

WPC Buckle said: "Mr Luty was investigating a complaint which was made against me. I could smell what I thought was alcohol although initially I didn't wish to believe that it could be. At the end of our meeting his eyes appeared to be glazed. It was quite strong, the alcohol, because I was face to face with him."

Mr Readhead said that when Mr Luty answered his door he said: "I haven't had a drink. I am a diabetic. I realise you had to do this but I don't understand why this WPC is making this allegation. She has always been difficult." Mr Luty, the court was told, said: "This is a malicious complaint against me as an investigating officer."

Mr Luty, who denies the charge, admitted drinking a pint of shandy at his home before meeting WPC Buckle. He said he started to feel unwell because of his diabetes, which forced him to retire after 29 years in the force, and decided to go home where he started to drink.

The case continues.

PCs who missed body are sacked

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWO constables who failed to notice the dead driver when they stuck a "Police Aware" sticker on an overturned car have been sacked.

The body of Sally London, 39, remained in her car for more than 24 hours while her family launched a search. She was not found until a road sweeper saw her arm sticking from the Ford Capri in a cornfield close to the M1 near Ridgmont, Bedfordshire.

PC Robert McGhee and PC Shaun Timmons were required to resign yesterday by Alan Dyer, their Chief Constable, when they were found guilty of neglect of duty after a day-long hearing. The officers may appeal to the Home Secretary. Mrs London, a solicitors' receptionist, had crashed on the evening of May 16. The constables arrived at the scene the next morning and thought the driver had gone home.

The following morning her estranged husband Les, who had spent the previous day searching for his wife, woke to find a note from the police pushed through his front door, asking him to remove the car from the field.

An inquest recorded a verdict of accidental death. The coroner said he was satisfied that she had been dead by the time the officers arrived at the car. He said they had been under the "honest but mistaken" belief that the car was empty.

Notes on dead baby altered by nurse

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CASUALTY nurse who told the parents of a sick baby he probably had "a sniffle" and that they should take him to their family doctor altered the case notes after the child died less than an hour later.

Yesterday, the parents of 11-month-old Ryan Smith demanded that the staff nurse, Maureen Thompson, should be sacked from Berwick Infirmary at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. Gordon Smith, 27, said: "That nurse should never be allowed back into that hospital or any other. She made one fatal mistake, why should she be allowed to make another?"

An independent inquiry into Ryan's death last month found the nurse's action probably had no bearing on the outcome as he was suffering from a fatal heart condition. However, it concluded that she did not check the baby's temperature, pulse or breathing before telling his parents there were no doctors on duty and they should take the child to their GP. He died within minutes of arrival.

Staff Nurse Thompson, who has 18 years' experience, is suspended and faces internal disciplinary proceedings that could result in her dismissal.

Julie Goulding, chief executive of the Cheviot and Wansbeck NHS Trust, said she could not understand why the notes had been altered. "The emphasis of words were changed. They were not major, fundamental changes, but it is beyond belief that someone with so many years of professional experience and held in such high regard should do such a thing."

Copies of the notes given to Mr Smith, a painter and decorator, and his wife Angela, 27, from Tweedmouth, show that the wording of Ryan's description had been altered from "extremely pale" to "quite pale." A pulse reading was inserted. Mrs Smith said: "It is now accepted by everyone, including her, that she never took a pulse. I am furious that she has tried to cover up what has happened by changing the records days after Ryan died."

Mrs Thompson declined to comment at her home in Berwick last night.

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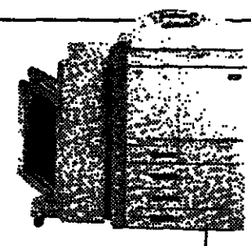
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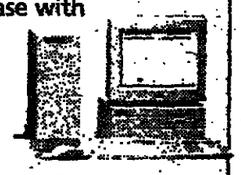
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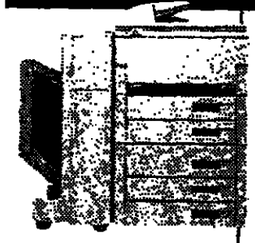
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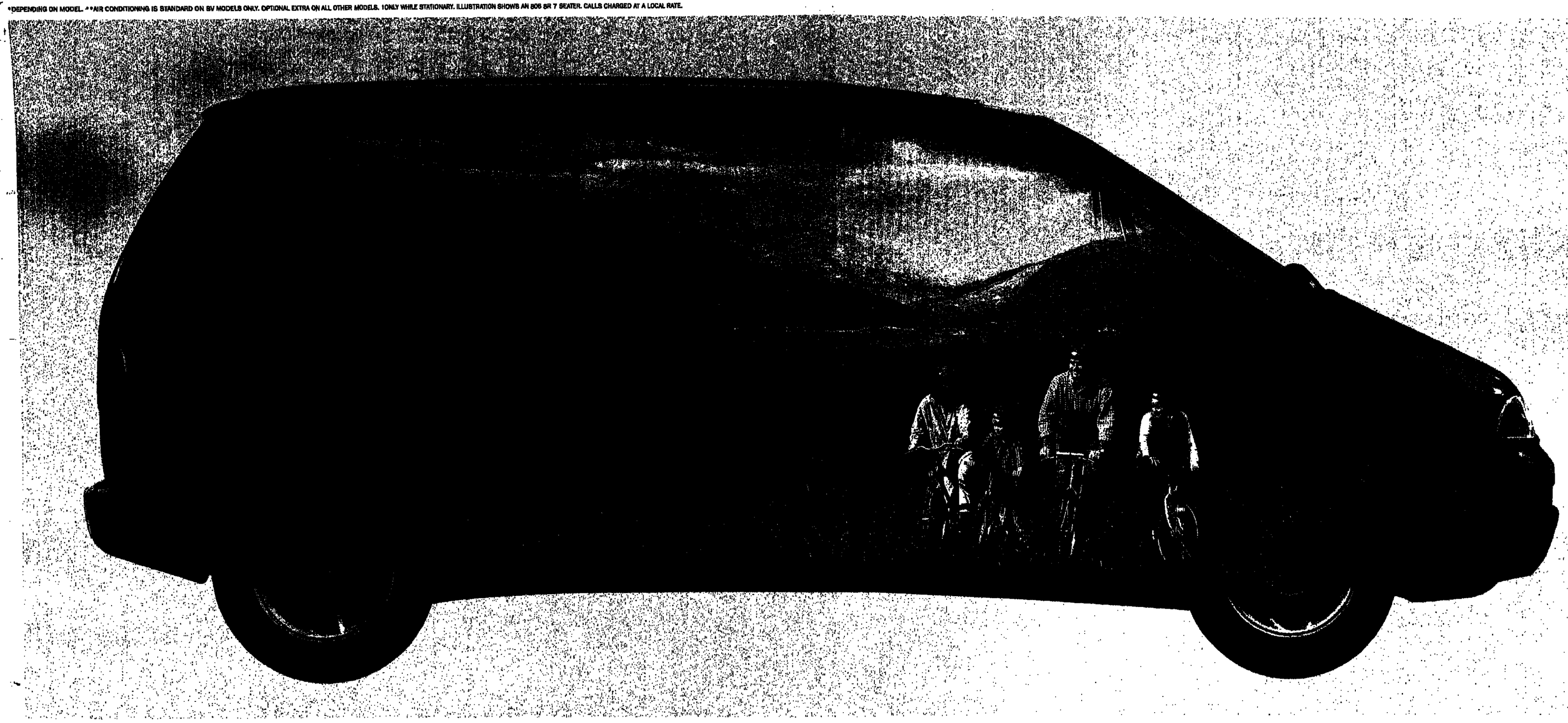
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Father calls on medical researchers to admit CJD link

Family attacks scientists over hormone treatment death

By Dominic Kennedy

THE family of a man who died of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease after receiving experimental injections to make him grow attacked the Medical Research Council, which oversees government-funded research, yesterday for refusing to accept blame for his death.

The inquest into Bahram Khan, a 27-year-old graduate, was told that the council continued to deny that human growth hormone treatment was responsible for 16 deaths from Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD) out of fewer than 2,000 patients who received the therapy.

Dr James Ironside, of the national CJD surveillance unit, told the inquest that the disease typically occurred only once in a million people per year. Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, said: "When there are only one or two thousand people who even received the growth hormone, you wouldn't expect very many — if any at all — in the course of a year to have CJD ... This is an enormous increase that requires some form of explanation."

He said it seemed quite clear to Dr Ironside that there was an association between CJD and the people given human growth hormone and that it was likely that the product they were given was contaminated. His verdict of misadventure was one that Mr Khan's family and solicitor had been hoping for.



Parveen and Ashraf Khan yesterday: "How many more young men have to die before the scientists admit neglect?"

Mr Khan, before losing his speech as the illness wasted his muscles and robbed him of the ability to eat or move, told his parents: "Get the bastard who did this to us."

He had been given human growth hormone, extracted from pituitary glands removed from corpses after post-mortem examinations, from 1977 to 1985. He was unusually small as a child and was predicted to grow to only 4ft 9in. He reached 5ft 1in when human growth hormone treatment was withdrawn in 1985 because of fears of a link with CJD.

He was offered synthetic hormone a year later but declined. His father Ashraf, 57, a retired postal worker, told the inquest: "He wrote back and said he does not want to be used as a guinea pig."

David Body, the solicitor representing the families of people treated with human growth hormone at a court case next April, told the coroner that the Medical Research Council denied the relationship between its treatment and CJD. The Department of Health, which the families are also suing, has conceded causation. The Medical Research Council said last night that the matter was *sub judice* but that it was neither denying nor accepting causation.

After the verdict, Ashraf Khan, from Harlesden, northwest London, said: "We are so angry. How many more young men have to die before the scientists admit neglect?"

When his son, a sales executive, went home to his parents in November last year, he was walking like a drunkard because of his illness. His mother Parveen, 52, a retired nursery officer, who cared for him at home before he was admitted to a hospice in April, said: "Within days he went from walking to crutches, from crutches to wheelchair, then from wheelchair to just crippled."


Bahram Khan died from Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease aged 27 after experimental injections of human growth hormone

Pakistani chauffeur accuses GMB of race bias

By Leyla Linton

THE Pakistan-born former chauffeur of John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union, claimed at an industrial tribunal yesterday that he suffered racial discrimination.

Tahir Raffi Janjua, 38, of Norbury, south London, worked as Mr Edmonds's chauffeur from February 1993 to March 1994, the hearing in Croydon was told. He was the only black or Asian at the union head office, which employs 90 people. Edna Davis, Mr Edmonds's secretary, was rude to him, Mr Janjua said. "I got the impression that she treated me like a servant."

Mr Janjua also alleged that Ms Davis told him that Indians and Pakistanis were ignorant troublemakers. He added: "Whenever I walked into her office, she would immediately start sniffing loudly, suggesting that there was some strange smell associated with my entrance. This suggests a stereotypical and prejudiced view of black people and their body odour, which associates Asians with the smell of curry."

The father of three said Ms Davis asked him if his wife was English. "I told her that she too was of Pakistani origin and came to this country at the age of three. She expressed surprise at my wife's spoken English, adding that she didn't expect Indian and Pakistani people to speak like English people.

In October 1993, Ms Davis initiated disciplinary proceedings against Mr Janjua for being late and not reporting to her. She also said he was rude to her. Mr Edmonds issued a warning to his chauffeur.

According to Mr Edmonds, Mr Janjua then made allegations against Ms Davis of racial harassment, which he later withdrew. Mr Janjua told the tribunal of a meeting with Mr Edmonds.

"The general secretary interrogated me about the route and the time of leaving home for the office several times despite my explanation and apologies. He also suggested that I might not like women bosses, implying that I was a kind of male chauvinist."

He said Mr Edmonds admonished him for not opening a car door quickly enough for him and not running around quickly enough to open the door on the other side of the car for Ms Davis. In March 1994, Mr Janjua was dismissed. Unauthorised overtime claims and a rude and offensive manner towards Ms Davis were cited. He lost an internal appeal. The union denies the allegations. The hearing continues.

Paris kirk members fight plan to sell site

By Gillian Bowditch

THE Church of Scotland's only kirk in France is under threat because of lack of funds for essential maintenance. The 50-strong congregation which meets in a 40-year-old building just off the Champs Elysées have until spring to raise over £150,000.

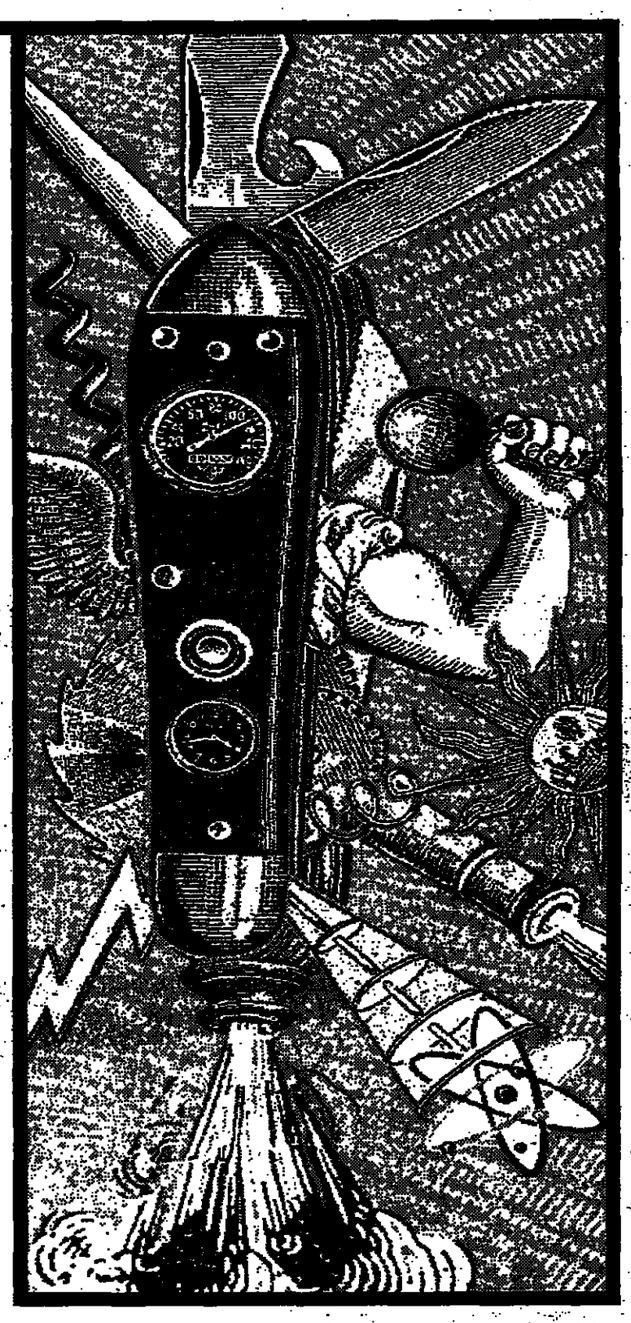
The church hierarchy in Scotland wants to sell the site for development, raising about £600,000. It is asking the congregation to consider linking with the congregation of the French Reform Church.

The move is being resisted by worshippers, who were informed of the possible closure on Sunday. They have pledged to try to raise funds for the repairs themselves and are launching an international campaign.

The Rev William Reid, minister at the Paris Kirk, said: "There is a firm determination to do all we can to persuade the Church of Scotland Trust that this decision would be wrong."

But yesterday Dr Chris Wrigglesworth, general secretary of the Church of Scotland's Department of World Mission, said that even if the repair bill were met, running costs have still to be found.

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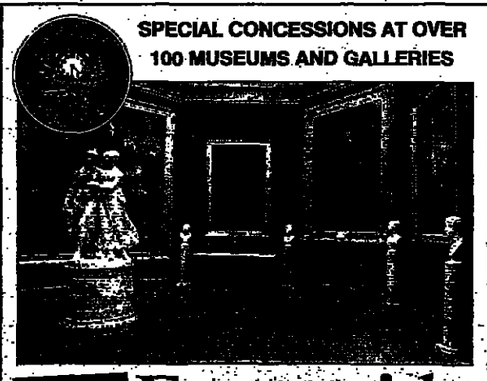
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BY LESLEY LYNTON

'It is the Tories who really run town halls — but we can give power back to the people'

Walsall presents the brave new face of local government

BY IAN MURRAY



Church: announced new appointments yesterday

WALSALL council appointed a corporate board of professional directors yesterday to run its £200 million budget, replacing the traditional set-up of chief officers.

The aim of the changes, which led to the local Labour Party's suspension by Tony Blair, is to restructure local government to return power to the people. The Conservatives have labelled the borough "the loony Left people's republic".

Dave Church, the Labour leader, said yesterday that the council had already saved £650,000 as he presented the five "top class people" who will take over management of services, replacing nine chief officers.

"We are paying each of them around £10,000 more than the individuals they are replacing but, because there are fewer of them, we will save £175,000 a year." Voluntary redundancies brought the total saving to £650,000. "We are saving money at the top so we can spend it on those who need it most," he said.

The five directors, who will be paid a minimum of £55,000 a year, were all recruited locally even though 700 people answered the council's £30,000 national advertising campaign for a "dream team" to change the face of local government.

The most controversial appointment is that of Tim Howard as education director. Mr Howard, the current recreation services manager and a member of the Labour Party, spent his career in education until two years ago when the ruling Tory group moved him. "He has never been a party activist," Mr Church said.

The other four directors are Joanne Tyzzer, housing and social services, Sheila Healy, environment, Geoffrey Porter-Williams, resources, and Nigel Christie, contracts.

Mrs Tyzzer has been acting director of housing services and Mr Porter-Williams has been director of financial services for the past 17 years. Mrs Healy is currently chief executive of Walsall City Challenge.

Mr Christie is the only one not to have been working in the borough but he has been assistant director of council services in neighbouring Wolverhampton. Mr Church said the new board would work together rather than divide its responsibilities as before.

"The public has told us they are fed up with finding one department playing off against another. These people will be collectively responsible for providing a council service and will not pass the buck," he said.

"We are talking about a change in structure which will allow the people their say. Walsall is miles behind the times in this and we have got to catch up and get closer to our citizens.

"Although Labour controls most councils, it is really the Tories who run local government through Parliament. By changing the structure we can give power back to the people," he added.

The new board will be responsible for implementing the Labour group's manifesto pledge on which it was elected last May.

Advised by elected groups of residents, they will decentralise the town hall and set up 54 neighbourhood offices to supply services at the point of need. "The people of Walsall chose us to do that and only the people of Walsall will stop us," Mr Church said. "Until they vote against the idea that is what we will do whatever anyone says."

The programme was branded as "loony left" by Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, in the summer, as the Tories attacked Labour's record in local government. John Prescott, deputy leader of the Labour Party, later visited the local party to discuss its suspension and his findings will be reported to the National Executive Committee on November 23.

Mr Church said that the council policy was now being backed by all the blue-collar unions although there was an unresolved dispute with Unison. Mr Church said there was to be no timetable for bringing in the new structures. "We have employed these people as experts to do the job for us and it is up to them to implement things." The average citizen would see no noticeable difference to begin with in the way the council operated.



JOEL CHANT

The Walsall five: from left, Tim Howard, Joanne Tyzzer, Geoffrey Porter-Williams, Sheila Healy, and Nigel Christie, who have been appointed as the council's corporate board directors. Each will be paid £55,000 a year

'Human factor' counts in evictions

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE "human factor" must be taken into account when councils consider using planning laws to evict gypsies or travellers from unauthorised campsites, the High Court ruled yesterday.

A judge rejected a Cornish council's claim that its only concern in such cases should be "the use of land" and that it did not have to consider the personal circumstances of those facing eviction in enforcement proceedings. The decision comes in the wake of a landmark High Court ruling in August. That gave gypsies and travellers protection against unfairly harsh treatment under the 1994 Criminal Justice Act, which introduced tough anti-trespass measures.

In that case Mr Justice Sedley said "considerations of common humanity" required councils to make proper inquiries about the health, housing needs and welfare of travellers before approving evictions.

Mr Justice Latham said yesterday that similar considerations applied in enforcement actions for planning reasons.

The legal clarification, however, was of no help to the three women who brought the case. Catherine Uzell, Clare Blyth, 25, and Rebecca Sims, 23, and their families are unlawfully occupying a roadside site owned by Cornwall County Council at Ponsanooth, near Penryn.

They wanted the High Court to quash a decision taken in June by Kerrier District Council, which forced the county council to start proceedings against them and about 20 other travellers for possession of the site.

The women argued that Kerrier officials had not made sufficient inquiries to enable the council to consider the effect on the travellers' personal circumstances. The judge ruled, however, that Kerrier had taken into account their personal circumstances as required by law.

Car sales increase 11.5%

BY KEVIN EASON

A RUSH of new models boosted new car sales last month, when registrations were 11.5 per cent up on 1994.

Motor industry executives welcomed the increase after months in the doldrums but warned against interpreting the improvement as the start of an upward trend.

Manufacturers spent millions of pounds on promotions this autumn and the London Motor Show brought the industry some much needed attention as new models from Rover, Vauxhall and Nissan found their way into the showrooms.

October sales reached 136,605, compared with 122,526 in the same month last year, according to figures published yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Total sales in the first ten months of the year were 1.73 million, a 1.16 per cent increase over the 1.71 million recorded in the January to October period of 1994.

The industry is still finding the private buyer elusive, with sales to company fleets providing the cornerstone of the year's business.

The ten best-selling cars in October were:

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmer must pay for mess

The farmer who sprayed a NatWest branch in Newcastle upon Tyne with manure was convicted of criminal damage yesterday but was given a conditional discharge by city magistrates, who ordered him to pay £2,000 compensation. David Cannon, 66, of Ponteland, had had a five-year battle with the bank over its alleged mismanagement.

Publisher's bill

HarperCollins paid undisclosed libel damages to Sergeant Malcolm Fowler and PC Alan Sumner for the second time after repeating criticism of their conduct in the softback edition of *Botham: My Autobiography*, by Ian Botham.

Miner killed

A miner died from head injuries after being hit by a high-tension cable at Kellingley Colliery, Knottingley, West Yorkshire. David Allott, 34, of Barnsley, had been salvaging equipment at the pit owned by RJB mining.

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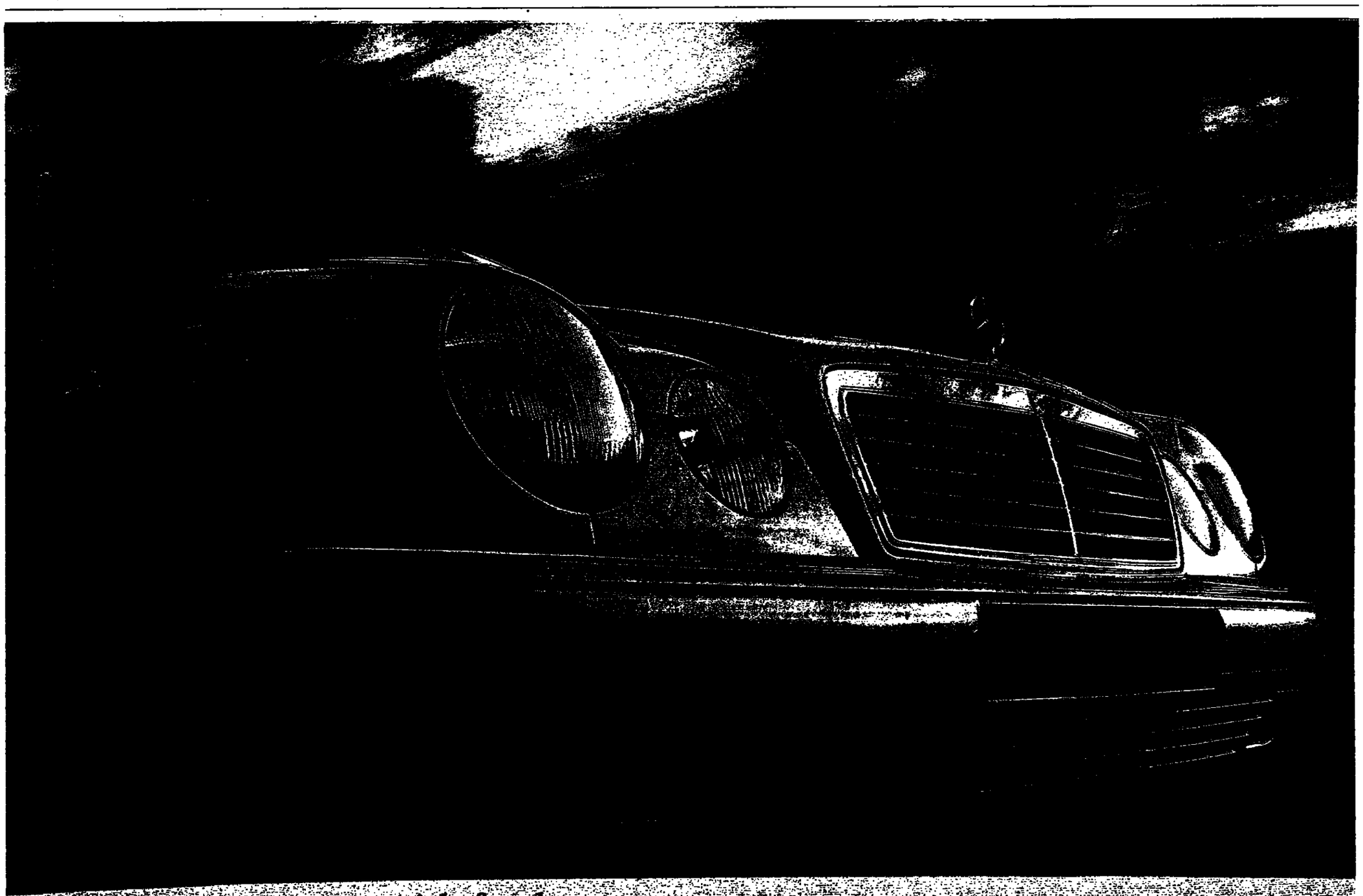
A motorist was hit on the leg by a thief who stole his car as he put air in the tyres. The car's owner left the keys in the ignition at the garage in Gateshead and the thief pulled up and leapt into the H-reg Toyota Carina.

Viaduct saved

The 1846 railway viaduct over the River Derwent at Stamford Bridge — out of use for 30 years — is to be saved from demolition. East Yorkshire Borough Council and English Heritage have agreed a £475,000 restoration plan.

Rum business

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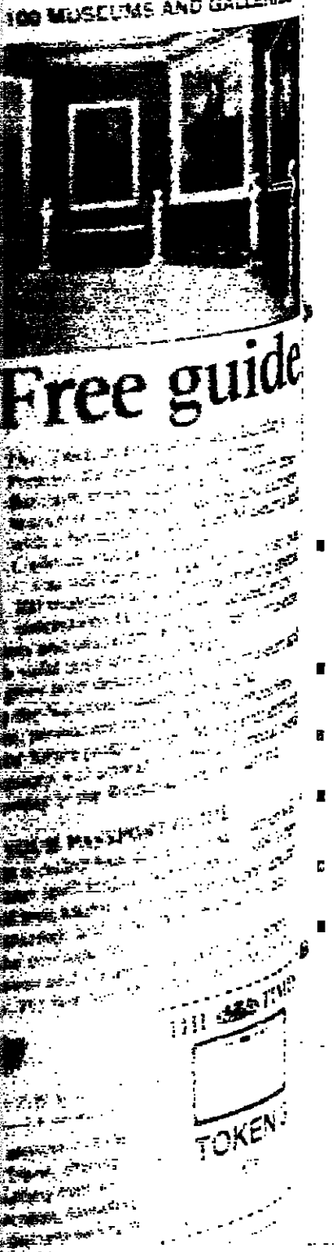
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'Why does the public have a right to know about financial reward for private activities?'

Heath condemns 'doctrine of envy and hatred'

BY ALICE THOMSON, JAMES LANDALE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE former prime minister Sir Edward Heath accused Labour of pushing a "doctrine of envy and hatred" when he addressed the Commons yesterday in the debate on the Nolan committee's recommendations.

He said that the public had a right to know about MPs' parliamentary salaries, but MPs had a right to privacy. "Why does the public have a right to know about financial reward for our individual private activities?"

Sir Edward said that Labour could find no evidence to support the publication of financial information. "They don't want to fight the election on policies. They want to fight it on envy and greed. This House has always been known as an honourable House, and members as honourable members — and that is the way we should behave in future."

He denounced the decision to rush through new rules on MPs' financial interests. MPs should have given far greater consideration to such complex and controversial measures. "The whole of this affair has been appallingly handled," he said. "This is no way to conduct the business of the House."

His wide range of outside business interests would not be affected by the disclosure, in favour of which the House voted yesterday, as they were not a result of his work as an MP. He said that the Nolan proposal to disclose incomes in bands of £5,000 was "a nonsense", insisting that the amount of money earned did not indicate the degree of influence an outside body could exert on an MP. A backbencher relying only on his MP's salary might find £1,000 a significant additional income, but £20,000 would "mean nothing" to a barrister earning £500,000.

He was among many backbench Tories to voice

DEBATE

opposition to Labour's call for full disclosure of their outside earnings. There was also surprising opposition to a motion put forward by Tony Newton, the Leader of the House, implementing further proposals from the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life, banning paid advocacy.

MPs said that the motion was badly drafted and it was difficult to distinguish between MPs giving advice to outside consultants and formally advocating their interests in the House.

Others were concerned that tougher rules of disclosure would discourage talented

> 'Our constituents have a right to know'

people from becoming MPs and encourage many "excellent" sitting MPs to resign.

Opening the debate, Mr Newton urged MPs to back the select committee's recommendations and reject the Labour amendment. He hailed the reforms before the House as the "most significant strengthening of our rules for decades" and said it represented "a carefully thought-out and comprehensive package".

Mr Newton emphasised that the proposal to ban paid advocacy went significantly further than the curbs proposed by Lord Nolan. But Tory MPs continually interrupted to complain that the new regulations would inhibit their ability to speak up on issues.

They were backed by Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), who said he was also concerned because he received help from the International Fund for Animal Welfare in employing an additional member of staff. He asked Mr Newton whether he would now be prevented from initiating debates and asking questions, putting down Bills or early day motions.

Mr Newton told him: "If you are receiving payment or a benefit of kind such as the payment for a research assistant, the answer would be yes." He said the ban on paid advocacy was a major extension to the House's rules.

"The key to our approach is that Members should not be paid to initiate parliamentary proceedings or to initiate them on behalf of clients to whom they are paid advisers. In other words they should not advocate in Parliament the cause of outside interests from which they receive remuneration."

Mr Newton said that it was regrettable that the select committee has divided along party lines over the issue of disclosure and said it was pointless anyway to discuss disclosure if the activity itself was to be banned. "On this as in every other matter, it is for the judgment of Members to decide. But taken together the select committee's two reports constitute the most significant strengthening of our rules for decades. Our proposals are designed to balance the overriding duty of Members to serve their constituents without any undue hinderance, with the necessary safeguards that our freedoms in this House should not be abused."

Ann Taylor, Shadow Leader of the House, told MPs that the motion banning advocacy went further than existing resolutions because it gives examples of what MPs cannot do. However, she warned them that the list was "discriptive" and not "exhaustive". "It would be very difficult to define every example of what an MP can or cannot do."

On disclosure, Ms Taylor made clear that MPs would only have to declare remuneration contracts that related to their position in parliament as an MP. "These agreements are relevant to our parliamentary activity," she said. "I think they should be registered but I think it should go further and make sure that they are subject to full disclosure. These agreements are only relevant to our membership of this House. Therefore they should be public and therefore our constituents have a right to know."

She said it was important to know whether an MP received £1,000 or £20,000 for a consultancy because it would indicate how difficult he or she would find it to argue against a measure supported by that consultancy. "The best way to protect the good name of Parliament, the best way to start to rebuild public confidence in Parliament, is to vote for my amendments [on full disclosure]."

She dismissed scares about MPs' tax returns having to be disclosed, if the House backed full disclosure of outside earnings, as "hysteria". She said: "The scares about income tax returns are nothing more than smokescreens and a diversion from the main issue. When the Prime Minister intervened last week, when he said that members are entitled to the same tax privacy as others, all we can say is 'yes, we agree,' but that is not relevant to the debate this evening. There is far more chance of a real campaign to make the tax returns of MPs public if we defeat this ammendment tonight."

She added: "There are MPs on both sides of the House who resent the fact that all MPs are getting a bad name because of the activities of a few."

Tom King, MP for Bridgwater and a member of the original Nolan committee, said he would support Mr Newton's motion preventing paid advocacy. "This ban is certainly a step forward," he said.

But he expressed concern about the ability to define the distinction between advice and advocacy, which had been felt by many members of the Nolan committee. "I do worry about the speed with which this whole exercise has been conducted," he added, saying that that he was concerned whether it had been "totally thought through".

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrat president, said the arguments against disclosure were "specious". But the whole debate was more than a question of public sleaze. It was a question of how Parliament was showing itself unable to deal with the huge increase in business. This had led to a rapid increase in the number of consultancies and advisorships

> 'Nolan has offered us medicine that we must swallow'

outside Parliament. "The whole process of overload will lead to the breakdown of Parliament," he said. "The Nolan committee has offered us some medicine which we must swallow."

John Biffen, a former Leader of the House, said that he would support full disclosure. The debate was driven by public unease about the affairs of Parliament and MPs could not avoid the "forces outside this chamber". He said: "I cannot see the House turning away from the requirement for financial disclosure. That cannot be avoided."

Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing) told the House that its reputation would always depend on "the talent, skill and integrity of those in it". He warned MPs: "We are in a serious recruitment crisis in the House. People suitably qualified for this job will not come forward if we continue to push this present situation."

He suggested that MPs' pay would have to be doubled and ministers pay trebled if members were to earn a comparable amount to 30 years ago and high-callibre new MPs were to be attracted. "If we continue to go the same way over the next ten years that we have for the last thirty we will end up with either placement or paranoics in the House."

He said that no one in the House did less than a full-time job in the Commons and that many with outside interests worked even harder on select committees and in debates. "We are overlooking the great extent to which we are now tightening the rules," he concluded.

Alf Morris (Lab, Wythenshawe), said: "Tory MPs can still be both placemen and paranoics under these rules. The battle for transparency must go on until we win the argument for full disclosure." He quoted a *Sun* leading article, saying: "Do Tory MPs realise how grubby they make themselves look?" He added: "To take and conceal money for parliamentary favours is demeaning to us all and puts a stain on the reputation of this House."

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Alex Salmond, SNP, Robert Maclennan, Lib Dem, and Ann Taylor, Labour, joining forces before the debate

Commons' new regime takes shape

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs will see the first signs of the new disciplinary regime introduced after the Nolan report on standards in public life as early as next week.

When the Commons returns for the Queen's Speech on November 15, MPs will come under the scrutiny of an independent ethics ombudsman. Sir Gordon Downey, the newly appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, will give MPs confidential advice on adhering to their new code of conduct.

The code, based on recommendations from the Nolan inquiry, will demand that MPs follow the "seven principles of public life", showing selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. In particular, it will aim to ensure that there is no conflict of interest between their work as MPs and outside business, and that their responsibility to constituents overrides any financial interest.

Sir Gordon will begin by advising MPs about the type of paid consultancy and advisory services they will be permitted to carry out under the new rules. MPs seeking new contracts will be expected to refer to him details of their contracts and the services they are offering to clients. MPs with established contracts, however, will be allowed a period in which to submit details.

The commissioner, who will work a four-day week, will offer confidential advice to MPs about matters of propriety. He will also set up induction courses on conduct for new MPs.

Shortly after the Commons returns, MPs will appoint a new Select Committee on Standards and Privileges, taking the place of the committees on Members' Interests and Privileges, which has existed since the 17th century.

To speed up the present system of investigating alleged breaches by MPs, Sir Gordon will consider initial complaints before passing cases that need further examination to the committee, probably comprising seven of the most senior MPs.

Under the Nolan proposals, the commissioner will be given wide powers to demand evidence to be given to the select committee, which is expected to sit in public unless there are exceptional circumstances or legal constraints.

Divorce reform Bill to go ahead

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONTROVERSIAL plans to reform the divorce law will be included in the Government's programme for the next parliamentary session despite strong opposition from Tory rightwingers, it was agreed yesterday.

The Government's business managers decided that the *Divorce Law Reform Bill* would go ahead after the Prime Minister threw his weight behind the Lord Chancellor's proposals. It was also agreed that Tory MPs would be given a free vote.

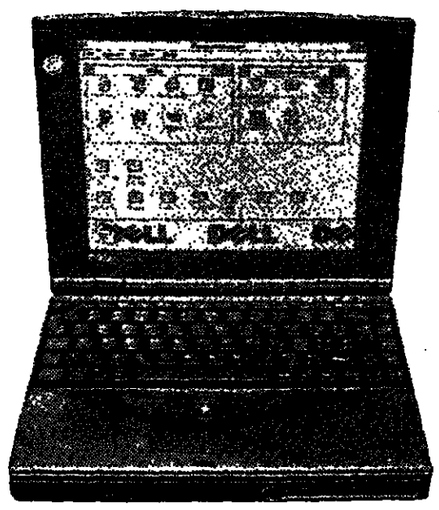
In return, Lord Mackay of Clashfern is said to have given a commitment to Cabinet colleagues who oppose the legislation that he will be prepared to amend the Bill as it goes through Parliament. Rightwingers fear that the reforms will make divorce easier and undermine the Government's commitment to the family.

Yesterday Downing Street also confirmed that all ministers had settled their spending programmes for next year. A Cabinet meeting intended to reach a final settlement was cancelled.

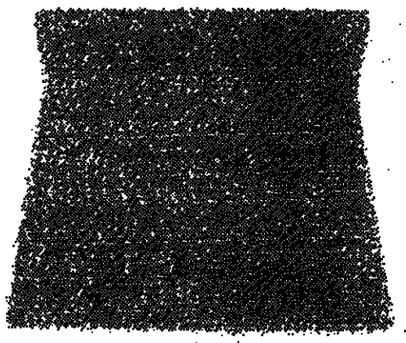
IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to social security ministers, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Debate on select committee proposals for implementing the Nolan committee's recommendations. In the Lords: Disability Discrimination Bill, Commons amendments; Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, third reading; Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act (Amendment) Order.
TODAY in the Commons: questions to education and employment ministers and the Prime Minister (Michael Heseltine standing in for John Major). Debate on Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, Lords amendments; and on select committees. In the Lords, debate on rural England.

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French begin extradition moves

Britain holds four for Islamic bombs

BY STEWART TENDLER, BEN MACINTYRE AND MICHAEL EVANS

FRENCH authorities yesterday began preparing an extradition request for Abdelkadir Benouif, the Algerian arrested by Scotland Yard in a series of raids linked to Islamic fundamentalist bombings in France.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, gave the Yard's anti-terrorist branch permission last night to hold Mr Benouif for another 48 hours under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Another Algerian arrested with Benouif was released and then rearrested over possible immigration breaches and faces questioning by Home Office officials.

The Yard said that another three men arrested in Chiswick, west London, remained in custody at the high-security section of Paddington Green police station. A fourth man had been released.

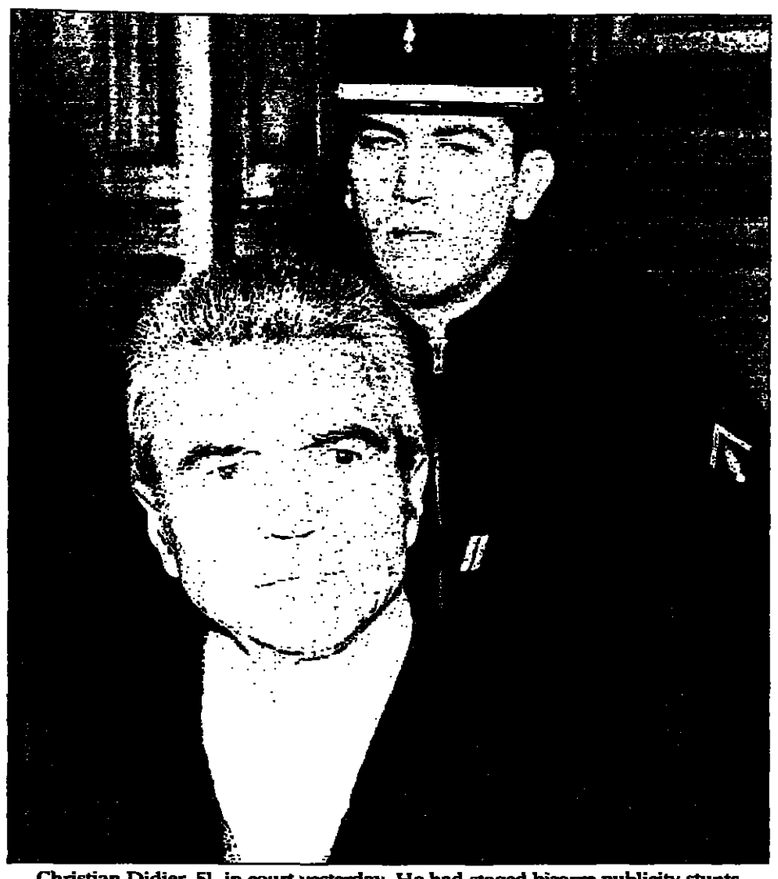
Benouif, who uses the *nom de guerre* Abou Fares, was described by the French press last week as the mastermind behind the bombings. He has been living in the Hammersmith area of west London and receiving social security benefits. According to Algerian sources, he is a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, where he served with the Mujahidin. He arrived in Britain in 1992 after fleeing Algeria where the authorities say he was convicted in his absence of taking part in an airport bombing.

The Foreign Office has been warned on a number of occasions about the presence in Britain of Algerian dissidents who have been convicted of being involved in a terrorist bomb explosion that killed nine people and injured more than 200 at Algiers airport in August 1992. Algerian sources confirmed yesterday that Benouif had been sentenced to death for his alleged part in the airport bombing. He is appealing against a decision denying him political asylum. Foreign Office sources said they were aware of Algerian concerns, but said the Home Office was responsible for dealing with dissidents who entered Britain and sought political asylum.

Intelligence sources admitted that if a foreigner convicted of a terrorist crime came to Britain with false papers, deportation was not an easy matter unless there was an international arrest warrant. They said it was up to the country from where he came to seek extradition. Algeria, however, does not have extradition rights with Britain.

Algerian sources said they had evidence that dissidents who were trying to overthrow their Government frequently distributed leaflets at the mosque in Regent's Park and at another in Finsbury Park.

Smain Ait Ali Belkacem, another Algerian arrested during last week's massive security operation in Paris, Lyons and Lille, was yesterday charged with involvement in the latest bomb attack in Paris on October 17.



Christian Didier, 51, in court yesterday. He had staged bizarre publicity stunts before he gained the notoriety he craved by killing René Bousquet

Killer of Vichy 'monster' plays to the gallery

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

CHRISTIAN DIDIER began his trial yesterday for killing Nazi collaborator René Bousquet with a typical display of self-aggrandisement. When asked to state his profession, the unemployed former chauffeur said: "Let us say I have done 36,000 jobs, that I have known 36,000 miseries. I define myself as a writer."

The Paris court must decide whether M Didier, 51, shot dead the highest-ranking Vichy official alive in 1993 out of moral outrage, anger at the slowness of the French judicial system or a deranged bid to attract public attention.

M Didier had written five novels, none of them published, and had a history of staging bizarre publicity stunts before he gained the notoriety he craved on June 8, 1993. He shot dead Bousquet, the former head of police under the Vichy regime responsible for sending thousands of French Jews to their deaths in Nazi death camps, just two weeks before he was due to stand trial for crimes against humanity. Bousquet was then 84.

M Didier was elegantly dressed, with hair neatly brushed, as he confidently took his seat in court yesterday. He had already served a prison sentence for threatening to murder the former Gestapo chief, Klaus Barbie, and pulled off a number of attention-seeking escapades before he killed Bousquet. His taste for self-publicity was evident just hours after the event when he summoned television crews and proudly declared what he had done. "Eliminating a monster is an honourable thing, it is the victory of good over evil," he announced.

Bousquet's case, which had been repeatedly delayed, prompted allegations that the French establishment was unwilling to address the reality of the Vichy years. "If French justice had not failed, then Bousquet would be alive today and Didier would be a free man," a defence lawyer, Arnaud Montebourg, said yesterday.

'Changed story' led to Andreotti charge

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

CHANGES in evidence by Giulio Andreotti while under interrogation swayed a judge in the decision to order the former Prime Minister to stand trial accused of murdering the journalist Mino Pecorelli, judicial sources said yesterday.

The sources, quoted by *La Stampa* newspaper, said that after questioning by magistrates earlier this year the 76-year-old life senator admitted for the first time that he had sent an assistant, Carlo Zaccaria, to ask a former nightclub owner not to mention his name to investigators examining a series of bank cheques. Investigators suspect the cheques were linked to a story Pecorelli wrote for his magazine *Osservatore Politico*, which specialised in blackmailing politicians.

The story — entitled "The Cheques of the Prime Minister" — was not published after Pecorelli received a £20,000 payment arranged by a close aide of Signor Andreotti, Franco Evangelisti.

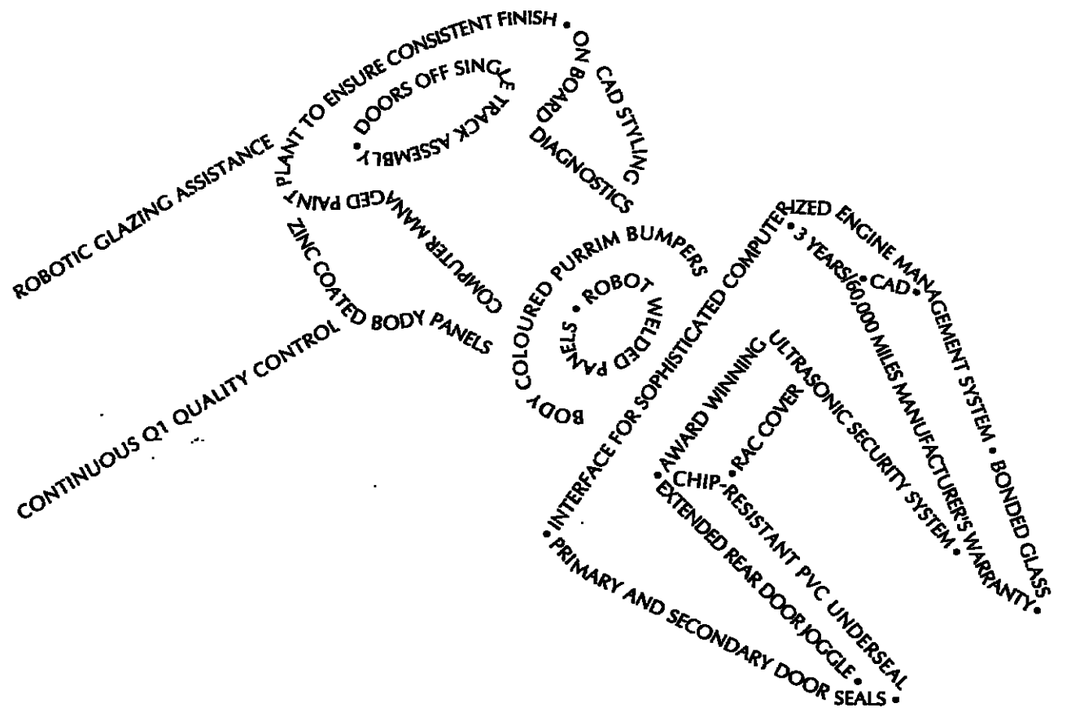
Signor Andreotti, who has been Prime Minister seven times, said he asked the favour in May 1993 because he was under separate investigation on suspicion of collusion with the Sicilian Mafia. He also acknowledged under interrogation, for the first time, that he had known Pecorelli had planned articles attacking him because the journalist had told Signor Andreotti's right-hand man, Claudio Vittalone, the former Trade Minister. Signor Vittalone has also been ordered to stand trial in February for the 1979 shooting of the journalist.

Six Mafia supergrasses have given evidence that led investigating magistrates to conclude that the journalist was shot by a Cosa Nostra hit man and a former neo-fascist terrorist on the orders of Mafia bosses who were allegedly doing Signor Andreotti a favour to prevent damaging disclosures.

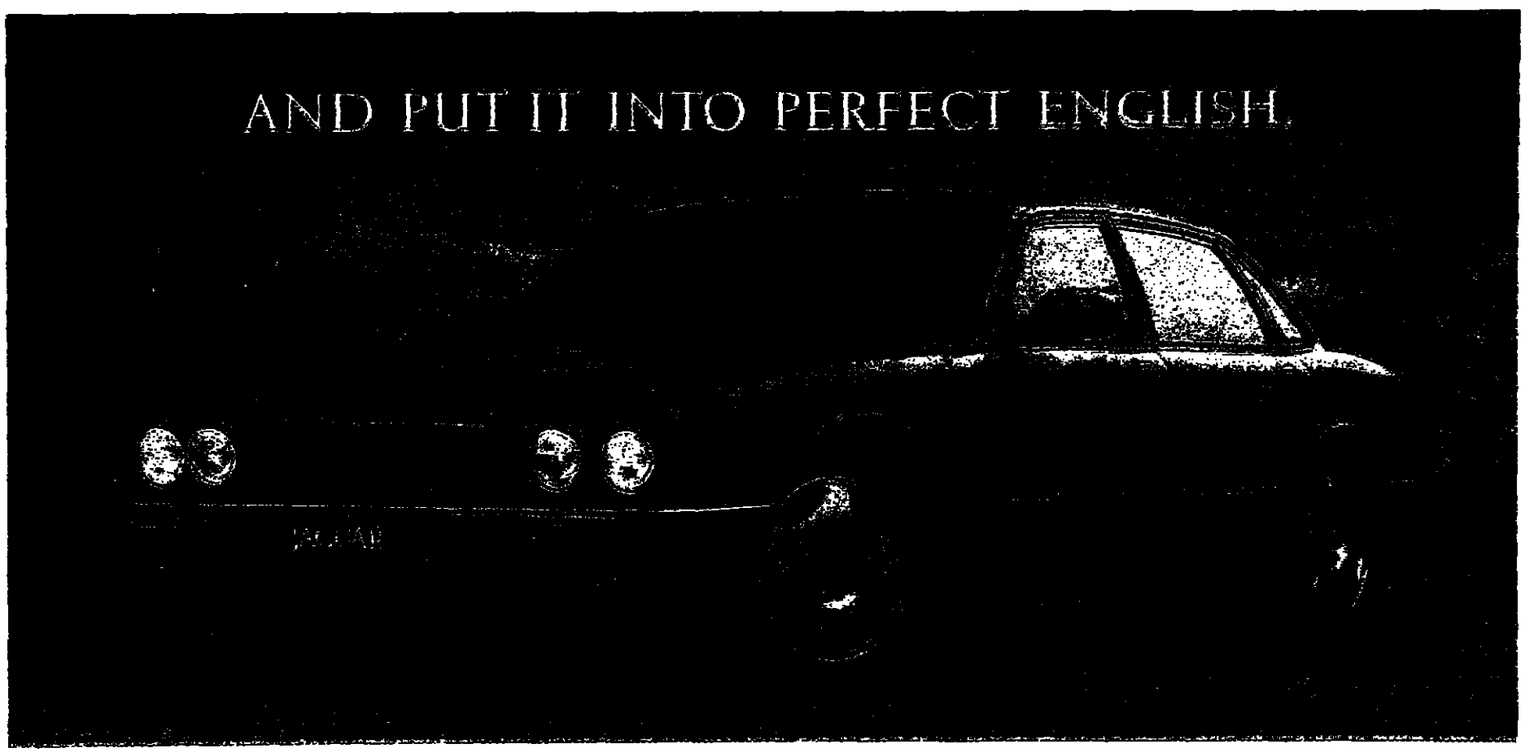


Andreotti: accused of killing journalist

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Bosnia plan by US would pave way for Karadzic trial

BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A DRAFT constitution for Bosnia-Herzegovina presented at the peace talks in Ohio would bar Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, from any elected office and pave the way for his arrest by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

The blueprint, allowing any eligible voter to seek a seat in a proposed nine-member Bosnian presidency or a parliament of 36, excludes "a person under indictment, or convicted by, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia".

Both Dr Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, were indicted by the tribunal earlier this year, but discussion of their future under a peace settlement had not featured in previous negotiations between Richard Holbrooke, the US special envoy, and President Milosevic of Serbia.

The Ohio summit suffered a setback yesterday when Serbs attending talks in Croatia said they had rejected new proposals for the return of Eastern Slavonia to Croatia. In Bosnia, the UN said that French peacekeepers had been attacked and seven wounded in the worst incident since the October 12 ceasefire.

Mr Milosevic, in Dayton to represent Bosnian Serb interests, was said yesterday to be indignant about the draft plan. "He thinks the Americans brought him to Dayton under false pretences," one US official said yesterday. "They want him to make concessions that were not mentioned during Holbrooke's previous talks with him."

The Serbian leader would rather not sacrifice the Bosnian Serb leadership in a way that might affect his own position, but he is thought to be prepared to do so if he can replace them with his own loyalists.

In Zagreb, Milan Milanovic, the chief Serb negotiator at the talks on Eastern Slavonia, said his side had rejected a draft presented by mediators Peter Galbraith, the US Ambassador to Croatia, and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN envoy, after talks on Sunday about the disputed region.

The Serbs had offered their own document demanding a three-year transition period during which Eastern Slavonia would be under UN administration, followed by a referendum to decide on its final status, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted Mr Milanovic as saying. Croatia wants only a one-year transition period.

Eastern Slavonia is the last area of Croatia still controlled by Serbs, after Croatian forces recaptured other regions this summer. President Tudjman of Croatia has said the UN peacekeeping mandate in Croatia will not be renewed at the end of this month and said that the return of Eastern Slavonia must be agreed by then to avoid war.

Meanwhile, unknown attackers opened fire and hurled grenades at French troops in a UN base near the south Bosnian town of Mostar, wounding seven.



After laying flowers at the Lenin Mausoleum in preparation for today's commemoration of Revolution Day, this solitary communist demonstrator stood with the Soviet flag in Moscow's Red Square yesterday

Yeltsin plans to stand for second term

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN does intend to seek a second term in office, despite illness and plummeting popularity, according to a senior Kremlin official.

"I think that he has basically taken the decision" to stand again next year, Sergei Filatov, Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff, said in an interview on the *Itogi* television programme. The statement on Sunday night was the strongest Kremlin hint yet that the President is planning to run again and not transfer power to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister. The presidential election is scheduled for June.

Mr Yeltsin has said he will not make an announcement on the issue until after next month's parliamentary elections. The President's political future has been in doubt since he suffered a heart attack ten days ago, his second in less than four months. Mr Chernomyrdin, who represented Russia at Yitzhak Rabin's funeral yesterday, is increasingly talked of as the "official" candidate for the presidency next year. Israeli television even called the Prime Minister "Mr Yeltsin's successor", and drew a quick apology from CNN, which was using the coverage, to "Mr Yeltsin if he is watching".

Landslide victory for Georgian President

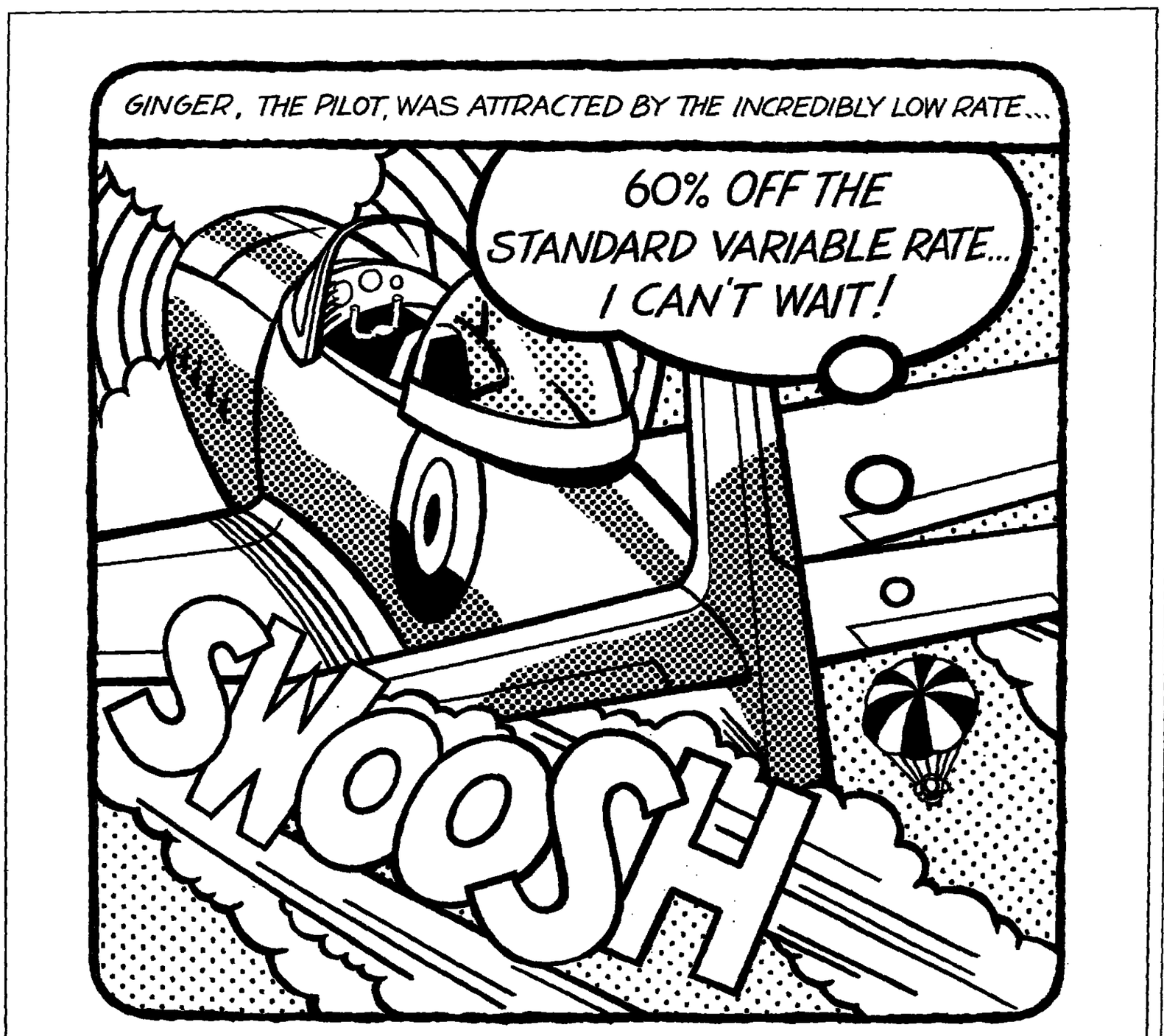
FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN TBILISI

GEORGIA'S newly elected President, Eduard Shevardnadze, thanked his countrymen yesterday for his decisive victory and promised to deliver his nation from its economic and political woes.

After it became clear that he had secured a landslide in Sunday's presidential elections, Mr Shevardnadze called the result a "victory for Georgia". Ivan Kiguradze, chairman of the Central Electoral Commission, said Mr Shevardnadze had secured 70 per cent of the vote in areas where ballots had been counted. He added that more than 60 per cent of the electorate had voted, validating the polls.

Despite complaints by some opposition leaders of irregularities, foreign observers monitoring polling stations said balloting had been conducted without any serious incidents.

"A big majority of the population has accepted my programme to save the country," said Mr Shevardnadze. He was sufficiently confident to leave for Jerusalem to attend the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin.



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Walesa has edge in vote scramble

BY ROGER BOYES

POLAND'S leading politicians, President Walesa and the former Communist minister, Aleksander Kwasniewski, yesterday began the scramble for the missing votes needed to win outright victory in the second round of the presidential elections.

The counting of votes, not officially complete until today, has given Mr Kwasniewski, 41, a bigger edge than predicted in Sunday's exit polls. Preliminary figures give him almost 35 per cent of the vote, compared to Mr Walesa's 33 per cent. Somehow both men have to convince supporters of the 11 other unsuccessful candidates to transfer their allegiance and push them over the necessary 50 per cent margin.

The conventional wisdom is that the arithmetic will favour Mr Walesa. Some 20 per cent of the votes were for centrist, right-wing or Solidarity-rooted candidates. And the logic of voting for Mr Walesa still holds good: he is the only candidate who can block the seemingly unstoppable ascent of Mr Kwasniewski and the new-look Communists.

Mr Walesa, who recovered from rock-bottom single-figure popularity ratings, needs to maintain the impetus of his campaign. But he started on the wrong foot yesterday by demanding the resignation of the central bank governor, Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, and the Ombudsman, Tadeusz Zielinski. Both are rivals in the election, and Mrs Gronkiewicz-Waltz in particular appealed to a Roman Catholic electorate which might have been expected to switch its votes to Mr Walesa. Now they may be less certain.

The run-off on November 19 will be a symbolic contest, pitting the erstwhile strike leader against a man who has done much to reinvent Polish communism and package it as socially acceptable social democracy. The big question is whether Mr Kwasniewski is able to make "designer socialism" seem harmless, convincing and sensible.

The former journalist was quick to challenge Mr Walesa yesterday to a television duel. There are few real policy differences, but Mr Kwasniewski knows that he can look more presidential than Mr Walesa on television.

A new Polish President should be a forceful lobbyist for local democracy and independent democratic institutions. Instead both candidates have strong tendencies to centralise power.

"It is a choice between bad and bad," said the third-placed candidate, Jacek Kuron. Poles may well decide to stay away from the ballot box on November 19.

Aga Khan fails to stop jewellery sale

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

THE AGA KHAN and his former wife, Begum Salimah, are locked in a legal battle over a jewellery collection worth an estimated $15 million (£9.5 million) and widely regarded as one of the most prestigious in the world.

Begum Salimah, a British-born former top model who built up the 260-piece collection from gifts received during the couple's 25-year marriage, won the first round yesterday when a local court in Switzerland repealed a blocking order obtained by the Aga Khan.

Lawyers for him said that he hoped to appeal against the court's decision but the auctioneers, Christie's, said it was confident that the sale would go ahead.

The jewels are due to go under the hammer in Geneva next Monday. They include diamonds, emeralds and rubies, in pieces specially made for the couple by some of the world's most famous jewellers, as well as the Begum Blue, a heart-shaped, 13.78-carat, deep-blue diamond, which forms the centrepiece of a pendant necklace with 41 other diamonds.

It is expected to fetch more than half the value of the whole sale. Christie's said that part of the proceeds would go to charity.

The Aga Khan, who is spiritual leader of the Ismaili Muslims, claims that he has first right to family heirlooms under the couple's divorce settlement.

The Geneva court ruled that his claim would not be affected by the auction, limited to 23 pieces, worth an estimated 1.8 per cent of the collection.



Begum Salimah: divorce settlement dispute

The 55-year-old Begum and the Aga Khan were divorced last March. As part of the settlement, the couple are understood to have agreed that the jewels would remain her property.

Some experts believe that the dispute will boost the value of the auction if it goes ahead.

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Gingrich policies face crucial test in state elections

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

VOTERS go to the polls in many states and cities across America today for what is widely seen as the first real referendum on the "Republican Revolution" since Newt Gingrich and his conservative cohorts seized control of Congress exactly a year ago.

The Republicans hope to capitalise on their 1994 triumph and build momentum for next year's presidential race by winning their first Southern statehouse since the Civil War in Virginia, snatching Kentucky's governorship for the first time since 1967, and holding on to the Mississippi governorship they captured in 1991 for the first time in more than a century.

The Republicans would naturally interpret a triple victory as an endorsement of their congressional crusade to end "big government" and evidence of a permanent realignment in American politics.

If they fall short, Democrats will claim that the country is rejecting the "revolution" as too extreme and that the results of last year were a flash in the pan.

A poll by *The Wall Street Journal* last Friday showed only 40 per cent of respondents had a positive view of the Republican Party, the lowest since it won Congress. By 45 per cent to 35 the public disagreed with most of what Congress was doing, and by 64 per cent to 26 worried the Republicans would go too far.

Yesterday, however, a *Washington Post* poll showed that, by 55 per cent to 25, respondents believed the Republicans better represented their views on national issues.

About 40 larger American cities are electing mayors today including Houston, Baltimore, Salt Lake City and Philadelphia, but the easily most colourful race is in San Francisco, one of America's last bastions of liberalism where Frank Jordan, the incumbent, is resorting to remarkable measures to stave off two fellow Democrats — Willie Brown, the former California assembly speaker, and Roberta Achtenberg, who was until recently an assistant secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the most senior gay official in the Clinton Administration.

With polls showing him in a dead heat with Mr Brown and only narrowly ahead of Ms Achtenberg, the normally staid Mr Jordan recently jumped into his shower with two radio disc jockeys to show he was "squeaky clean" and had "nothing to hide". The city's newspapers have since been gleefully reprinting pictures of the naked mayor.

Nineteen of the cities with mayoral elections are participating in a presidential straw poll called CityVote that was meant to increase the political influence of urban voters. However, the initiative has been undermined by the refusal of most presidential candidates to take part.

Maine will vote on a measure to ban anti-discrimination legislation for homosexuals. Mississippi is expected to become the twenty-second state to limit the terms of its elected officials, and some of Colorado's most exclusive ski resorts are likely to back measures curtailing their explosive growth.



Gingrich: Republicans backing radical line

Virginia's state elections are attracting the most attention, and both the national parties have poured in money and big names. The Republicans need to gain four seats in the 100-member House and three in the 40-member Senate to capture the Richmond statehouse where the rebel Confederate Congress once sat, and opinion polls suggest that they have a good chance.

Both the parties are seeking to play the Gingrich card to their advantage. The Republicans are campaigning on an unashamedly Gingrich-style platform and have produced a state version of the Speaker's *Contract With America*.

But Charles Robb, Virginia's Democratic Senator, has said: "If you don't think elections matter, look at what happened in Washington. Please don't let that happen in Virginia."

It is the same story in the Kentucky gubernatorial race. Larry Forgy, a wealthy Republican lawyer, has campaigned on a conservative platform of lower taxes, less government regulation and hostility to abortion.

His Democratic opponent, Paul Patton, presently the state's Lieutenant-Governor, has been urging voters: "Let's say no to Newt, no to [Republican Senate leader Robert] Dole, no to demagoguery, no to radicalism." The result is too close to call with Mr Forgy having pulled almost level with Mr Patton in the final days.

In Mississippi, polls showed that the once-substantial lead of Kirk Fordice, the Republican Governor, over Dick Molpus, the Democratic Secretary of State, has narrowed to just five points. Mr Fordice has expressed his total support for Mr Gingrich's "revolution that changed America for ever", but that is not his main problem in a deeply conservative state.

He managed to forfeit much of the white female vote a couple of weeks ago by mockingly imitating the voice of Mr Molpus's wife, Sally, who had appeared in television commercials attacking the Governor's education record.

"Frankly I'd like to take him out behind the woodshed," said Mr Molpus, seeking to exploit the Old South's sense of gallantry.

Letters in jailer's book irk Mandela

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA of South Africa has instructed lawyers to investigate a possible breach of copyright by his former jailer and friend, James Gregory, after contents of intimate letters to family members during his 27-year imprisonment were reprinted in a book, allegedly without his authorisation.

Extracts from the letters are included in Mr Gregory's recently published memoirs of his relationship with the then prisoner entitled *Goodbye Bafana — Nelson Mandela, My Prisoner, My Friend*.

For nearly two decades he was Nelson Mandela's chief censor and guard on Robben Island — and later at Pollsmoor and Victor Verster prisons. He had an intimate knowledge of his prisoner's private life.

According to Iqbal Meer, the President's solicitor, the publishers were explicitly denied permission to use three letters printed in the book.

Mr Mandela is understood to be upset that Mr Gregory and others are cashing in on their relationship.

Brigadier Chris Olckers, for the Department of Correctional Services, said prison employees are not required to sign an oath of secrecy but it was considered unethical to talk about such matters.

Mr Gregory, in Britain to launch the book, said the inclusion of the extracts had had nothing to do with him, adding: "The publishers must answer why they used the letters if permission was refused. If I had known this would cause upset, I would have taken the extracts out."

Celia Kent, a managing editor at Headline, the British publisher, said the copyright dispute was a matter for the book's French publishers.

☐ **Malan setback:** Dullah Omar, the Justice Minister, has dismissed calls for Magnus Malan, a former Defence Minister, and ten former senior apartheid-era military officials to be granted temporary indemnity. He added that the KwaZulu/Natal Attorney-General had acted independently in arresting the men in connection with the death of 13 people in 1987.



Imelda Marcos, widow of the Philippines dictator, takes her seat in the House of Representatives in Manila yesterday, four months after a disputed electoral victory

High-stepping Imelda Marcos settles into a seat of power

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

THE shoes seemed to fit, although a bit awkwardly. Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady of the Philippines renowned for her shoe collection, strode confidently into Congress yesterday to complete a stunning comeback.

After a four-month delay, Mrs Marcos, 67, widow of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, took the congressional oath as representative for Leyte province.

The Supreme Court had ruled her landslide victory in the May election legal, nullifying a rival's bid to have her disqualified. Yet Mrs Marcos could lose her seat if the Supreme Court upholds her conviction on corruption charges. She was sentenced in 1993 to 24 years' jail, but is free pending appeal.

Mrs Marcos was challenged by Teresita Aquino Oreta, a fellow representative and sister of Marcos's arch-foe, Benigno Aquino, who was murdered in 1983 by soldiers. Mrs Oreta said Mrs Marcos "could tell us the secret of the assassination".

Mrs Marcos said: "The role I intend to pursue is as natural as a mother's love offered to everyone."

☐ **Typhoon aftermath:** Electricity has been restored in Manila and businesses have resumed operation in the wake of Typhoon Angela, which killed more than 700 people last week.

WORLD SUMMARY

70 hurt in Dhaka blockade

Dhaka: A senior opposition leader said yesterday that Bangladesh was heading for more violence after nearly 70 people were hurt in clashes between protesters and police in the capital during a national transport shutdown.

"The country is now poised to face confrontation. The Government wanted confrontation and they have it," said Mohammad Nasim of the Awami League.

The blockade was called by the main opposition parties in a continuing effort to force elections under a neutral caretaker government. They called for a week-long national strike from Saturday. *(Reuter)*

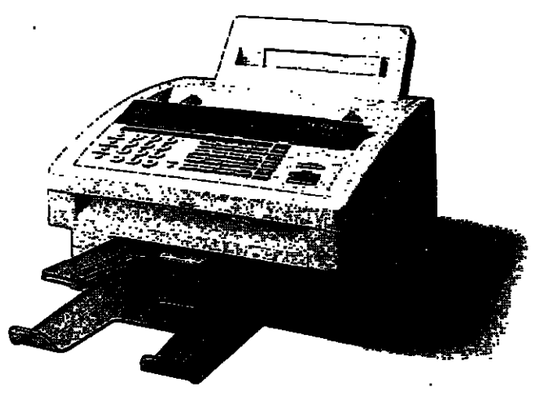
Bites or stings kill 100,000

Geneva: Snakes, scorpions and other venomous creatures kill more than 100,000 of the five million people they sting or bite each year worldwide, according to the World Health Organisation.

The greatest proportion of deaths occur in developing countries. In Asia, snakes kill 30,000 a year, compared with 1,000 in Africa and South America. Fatalities are far fewer in wealthy countries: of 45,000 people bitten by snakes in the US, only nine to 15 die. *(AFP)*

US 'Popeye' detective dies

New York: Eddie Egan, New York's best-known policeman, has died. Detective Egan, the inspiration for Gene Hackman's "Popeye" Doyle in *The French Connection*, earned his nickname for the way he would flex his biceps like the cartoon muscleman. Egan made more than 8,000 arrests, but pulled his gun only three times.



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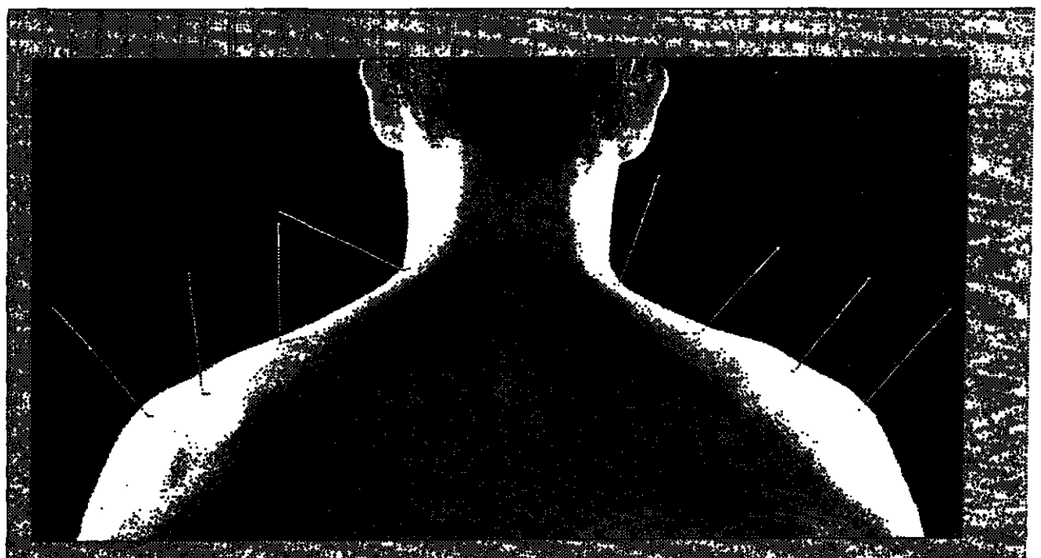
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Peres has chance to exploit backlash against Right

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS Shimon Peres held his first meeting with President Clinton last night as acting Prime Minister of Israel, the dilemma facing the new leader in the wake of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin began to loom large.

Western governments and

LEADER'S DILEMMA

large sections of the Israeli people have made clear that they want Mr Peres to pursue the peace process with at least the same vigour as Mr Rabin. But some members of the ruling Labour Party have cautioned that any acceleration in moves to evacuate the West Bank could alienate voters before next year's election.

Mr Peres, who has been overcome with emotion and grief and has the added strain of knowing that he was also one of the assassin's targets, is regarded as a man brimming with political vision but who lacks Mr Rabin's earthy rapport with Israelis.

"Peres is not going to rush into anything, although there are those in the party convinced that he could cash in with early elections," one Labour official said. "There is revulsion at the way provocations by the Right appear to have motivated the killer."

Speculation that the first assassination of an Israeli Prime Minister would erode right-wing support was encouraged by Yosef Lapid, a leading commentator. Writing in the mass-circulation daily *Maariv*, he argued: "Whoever felt even a bit of sympathy for the extreme Right will learn the lesson of this tragedy and turn away from them."

Labour members who share that view have been pressing Mr Peres to bring the election forward from its scheduled date, next November, to the early spring, while at the same time keeping to the timetable agreed with the Palestine Liberation Organisation for the West Bank evacuation. But their advice is being countered within Labour by those who note that Mr Peres has been the most vehement opponent of an early poll.

Signs of a backlash against the main right-wing Likud opposition, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, have begun to appear, in slogans describing him as an "inciter" and in articles by rightwingers calling for recent policies to be re-examined. Haim Ramon, a former ally of Mr Rabin who left Labour and now runs the Histadrut labour federation, said that the assassin had been influenced by opposition rhetoric labelling Mr Rabin a "murderer" and a "traitor".

Mr Peres, a man with a reputation as a political manipulator, has to take into account that both Mr Ramon and Ehud Barak, a former chief of staff recently appointed Interior Minister, may consider challenging him for the party leadership. Mr Ramon had promised not to challenge Mr Rabin but their relations have been acrimonious. Despite the current veneer of harmony in the face of a national disaster, tension between the Rabin and Peres camps remains high. Israeli opinion is split on its assessment of the effects of the assassination. While President Weizman and some right-wing politicians have called for a bridging of differences, Meir Shalev, an author linked to the left-wing peace camp, said yesterday that unity was "less possible now than ever". Many Israelis regard Mr Peres as the chief architect of the current peace process and believe he carried the more security-conscious Mr Rabin, a former chief of staff, with him. "Peres will find it much more difficult than Rabin to sell concessions for peace to the Israeli public," a diplomat at yesterday's funeral said.

The Israeli stock exchange — much less badly hit by the assassination than had been expected — now expects pressure from Israel's allies on countries like Syria, still officially at war with Israel, to reach what one Tel Aviv broker called "sensible terms".

The main question exercising Israelis last night was how Mr Peres will act in pursuing the peace process — as opposed to his double act with Mr Rabin, which although often strained provided the type of balance necessary to muster support for any deal.

Many of those observing yesterday's funeral noted that similar emotion and unity among the public would not have been generated had Mr Peres been the victim. For that reason, some observers have expressed strong hopes that he will proceed with caution in the speed with which he conducts the crucial coming stages of the peace deal.

Nabil Shaath, who led the delegation of four Palestinian Authority ministers to the funeral, said that after a 48-hour gap for national mourning the timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank must be observed. But Jewish settlers are expected to resume their campaign for the process to be halted.

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World figures at yesterday's funeral, from left, President Chirac of France, John Major, the Prince of Wales, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President Herzog of Germany, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, President Mubarak of Egypt, President Clinton and Wim Kok, Dutch Prime Minister

Grief mingles with politics beside graves of the great

BY ANNE MCELVOY

WITH so many world leaders in attendance, the burial of Yitzhak Rabin provided a rare modern example of the great state funeral, in which grief, pomp and politics vie with each other amid a welter of symbols and underlying messages.

The mourning of a leader who dies in office is a highly-charged event. Such funerals have become rare thanks to the spread of democracy in the Eastern bloc dislodging aged communist dictators and a parallel tendency in the West to elect younger leaders.

The assassinated Israeli leader's burial was the largest such event since the Emperor Hirohito was laid to rest in February 1989 in a ritual attended by 54 heads of state.

Yesterday, both Egypt and Jordan sent their leaders and of the main Arab players in the Middle East, only the hardline Syrians made a point by staying away.

The Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat was absent on security grounds but was careful to send a senior enough representative for his absence not to be considered a snub.

Decisions about whether and who to send are tricky since they have to be made quickly and there are few guidelines or precedents.

The Foreign Office says that it is purely a matter for the government of the day, although the Queen never attends state funerals.

Western leaders stayed away from Stalin's interment and both President Reagan and Margaret Thatcher failed to attend President Brezhnev's. But Mrs Thatcher abruptly reversed this policy by travelling to the funerals of Presidents Andropov and Chernenko, seeing them as forums for tentative rapprochement and a chance to get to know the rising star, Mikhail Gorbachev, better.

The impact of Andropov and Chernenko's funerals, which fell within 13 months of each other, brought home to the peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe the sclerotic nature of the communist regime as it embarked upon its terminal phase.

Political funerals at this level are as much about the living as the dead. Deciding whether or not to go sends a clear signal about intentions towards the successor.

But distaste for General Franco was such that, even though the prospect of King Juan Carlos as his successor was reassuring, European countries sent only ambassadors.

Recent history abounds with the repercussions of mistakes in funeral etiquette. They also allow those who rule us to satisfy the unquenchable human curiosity about the charisma of their international peers. General de Gaulle and Mrs Thatcher were inveterate and stylish mourners.

In a political culture which has reduced superpower summits to PR opportunities, the state funeral has become the last truly dignified event in which outsiders share in the national traditions of their dead colleague — of poetry, music, silence and, in the case of the haunting tribute to Yitzhak Rabin, the long, reproachful wail of Jerusalem's sirens.

The main advantage of the funerals of the great, from the guests' point of view, is that their timing is involuntary and their location determined by fate, so that they yield a more honest snapshot of the state of international relations than carefully planned meetings such as those of the G7 or the inter-governmental conferences on Europe.

Thus President Clinton will have studied the implacable features of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, during the service and may even have taken the opportunity to have a quiet consultation with him about the mixed signals from Moscow on the seriousness of President Yeltsin's illness.



John Major and the Prince of Wales among the mourners at Mr Rabin's funeral yesterday

Ground sacred for Zionists

Jerusalem: Yitzhak Rabin's final resting place at Mount Herzl here was named for the founder of political Zionism (Ross Dunn writes). Theodor Herzl, an Austrian whose book *A Jewish State* encouraged others to fight for the creation of Israel, is buried there with other Zionist leaders. Among other prominent figures buried there are Golda Meir and Menachem Begin.

Muslims revile memory of man who 'reaped fruit of terrorism'

FROM REUTER IN BEIRUT

LEBANON

NEWSPAPERS, politicians and Muslim leaders in Lebanon recalled yesterday the dark side of Yitzhak Rabin, reviling his memory for pounding its villages and for breaking the bones of Palestinian children.

Although Israel's Prime Minister was killed by a Jew, Muslim clerics from southern Lebanon said he reaped the fruit of the "terrorism" he practised against their land. "Rabin's file is full of hatred and terrorism ... he who cooks poison eats it," Sheikh Abdel Amir Qabalan, the Shia Mufti, said in a speech published yesterday. The sheikh comes from a southern village occupied by Israeli troops who invaded Lebanon in 1978 and 1982 to crush the PLO. Parliamentary deputies from the south, where villagers suffer daily Israeli bombardment in retaliation for Muslim guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops occupying a border zone, also condemned his memory.

"We'll never forget the terrorism practised by Rabin and his colleagues in south Lebanon, western Bekaa and the Golan Heights," said Ahmad Ajami, a Shia MP from the southern port of Tyre.

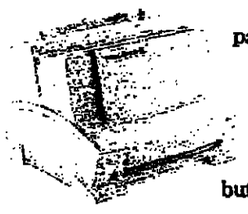
Adnan Traboulsi, a Beirut Sunni MP, said the murder "brought back smiles to the faces of the orphans of Palestine and south Lebanon". In July 1993, Mr Rabin ordered an offensive, vowing to make southern Lebanon uninhabitable unless raids on occupying Israeli troops stopped. Avenging the killing of seven troops, his forces bombarded villages for seven days, killing 130 people, wounding 600 and destroying thousands of homes. Beirut newspapers also recalled that he ordered soldiers to break the arms of children who threw stones in the Palestinian intifada.

Politicians said only last week that he had welcomed the assassination of Fathi Shqaqi, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad chief. On Sunday, militants turned a mourning rally for Shqaqi into a celebration of the assassination.



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'Gentle and thoughtful' student tells court why he decided to shoot peacemaker

Killer says he acted alone 'but maybe with God'

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

IN the mind of Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, the Israeli leader's fate was sealed after he made it clear he would hand over large parts of the biblical land of Israel in return for peace with the Palestinians. It was then that Yigal Amir vowed to kill Mr Rabin in accordance with what he regarded as Jewish religious law.

Mr Amir, 25, a Jewish law student at Bar Ilan religious university in Tel Aviv, has confessed to the fatal shooting of Mr Rabin. He showed no remorse when he appeared in a Tel Aviv court yesterday and was remanded for 15 days.

Mr Amir said he had acted alone, "but maybe with God". He claimed anyone who gave away land promised to the Jews by God could be killed according to Jewish laws.

"I did not commit the act to stop the peace process, because there is no such concept as the peace process, it is a process of war," he said. "The people are indifferent to the fact that a Palestinian state is being created here."

At a later hearing in Tel Aviv, a magistrate ordered the killer's brother, Haggai Amir, 27, to be held for seven days. "He took a bullet, drilled a hole in it and turned it into a lethal bullet which causes far more damage than a regular one," a police officer told the court. "On the day of the incident they both sat and watched television and Haggai saw him [Yigal] leave. We believe he knew where he was going and didn't try to stop him."

A dumdum bullet has a cut in its point that causes it to expand on impact. Police said one of the bullets prepared by Haggai Amir was taken from Mr Rabin's body. Police are investigating to see whether the two brothers belong to any extremist Jewish organisation.

THE ASSASSIN

At Bar Ilan University, where flags flew at half mast, Mr Amir had seemed to fellow students to be like many other young Israelis and displayed few signs that he might take the life of the nation's leader. One student described him as a "very gentle, thoughtful person". Mr Amir did his military service in a religious school, which combines scriptural studies and training as a soldier. He told police that according to the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, "anyone who gives away part of the land of Israel must pay in blood". This shocked Matthew Guralnek, who met Mr Amir daily in the classroom and described him as a serious student. "We knew he was a rightist but there were no signs that he would do something violent. Most of Amir's energies were focused on studying the Torah," he said.

But Ronen Avraham, another student, told Israel Radio that the assassin had "openly admitted that he was opposed to any law which endangered the future of 'greater Israel'." This was a reference to some of the land in the territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 war, which Mr Rabin had said he would transfer to the Palestinians. This was seen as an act of betrayal by Jewish extremists who share a belief that the West Bank, which they refer to by the biblical names of Judaea and Samaria, is part of the land given to Jews by God. These groups support the most ardent Zionists, including many settlers.

Mr Rabin must have realised such groups posed a threat to the peace process. The man he appointed to head the secret police earlier this year and whose name cannot be published is an expert on Jewish underground groups.



Yigal Amir, a university student, being led into a Tel Aviv court yesterday where he confessed to killing Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister. Mr Amir's brother, Haggai, also appeared in court later

Zealot's bullet shatters sacred values of Israel



Amos Oz, the leading Israeli novelist and peace campaigner, attacks both Jewish and Arab fanaticism and urges swift action to suppress the fanatics

Yitzhak Rabin was a personal friend of mine in the 1970s. He was a man almost obsessed with the urge to conceal his emotions. Like many Israelis of his generation, he felt that all feelings ought to remain strictly private. We used to argue about this.

Rabin would say: "What you feel and what you believe in, yes, you may tell me if you so wish, but please in the end let me know what you think." On one or two occasions he went as far as saying to me: "I think this business makes me a bit sad ... but let us consider, rather, what can be done about it."

Our friendship faded when I publicly criticised his half-hearted positions concerning the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 — which I regarded as a disaster. He never bothered to pick up the phone and tell me that he felt hurt about my criticisms; he simply turned a cold shoulder.

I watched him changing gradually and, I suspect, painfully from a reasonable hardliner into an unsentimental dove. I think this change occurred even as, in his capacity as a Defence Minister under Yitzhak Shamir's national unity coalition in the mid- and late 1980s, he was in charge of suppressing the Palestinian intifada. When elected Prime Minister, in 1992, he adopted a "Peace Now" policy, leading Israel towards a historic compromise with the Palestinians.

However, he had never told the public what made him change; he had never even admitted that he had changed. "Feelings," he said to me many years ago, "are your department. I just analyse the situation and try to draw a sensible conclusion."

Over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he presumably did just that: along with Shimon Peres, Rabin had created a new cognitive condition: a recognition of the Palestinian tragedy and a policy aimed at turning the only homeland of the Israelis and of the Palestinians into a semi-detached house, where Israel and Palestine can coexist as next-door neighbours, if not in mutual love then, at least, in good neighbourliness. A man who changes is often a traitor in the eyes of those who can never change.

It may turn out that the fanatic who murdered Yitzhak Rabin will hasten the peace process, by making the peace-orientated majority in Israel even more determined to conclude the labour of peace making. The Likud opposition may be against the terms of the present Israeli-Palestinian agreement, but it is genuinely committed to parliamentary democracy.

The assassination of Rabin was not just an attempt to kill peace; it was, first and foremost, an attack on Israeli democracy, on Israel as a lawful society, and on the most sacred values of Judaism. The extremists are keen on fighting the Arabs forever, but they are even more keen on turning Israel into an Iran-like militant theocracy.

Shimon Peres, the acting Prime Minister, has been the architect of the Oslo agreements between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He will have to act quickly to outlaw those anti-20th-century splinter groups, while demanding that Yassir Arafat be as swift in suppressing the armed terrorist groups in Palestine.

The crucial battle in the Middle East is no longer between Jew and Arab, between Israeli and Palestinian. It is a battle against violent zealots on both sides — those zealots who need the Israeli-Arab conflict in order to retain what they, on both sides, regard as their "identity".

This is the time for Israelis and for Arabs to repel fanaticism. The fertile ground for fanaticism is hopelessness, despair and disorientation. A climate of hope and of courageous progress towards peace would make zealotry shrivel.

Israel under Peres's leadership is going to be more adamant in its quest for peace,and the Arab world ought to be quick in responding by giving Israelis more reasons to opt for hope.

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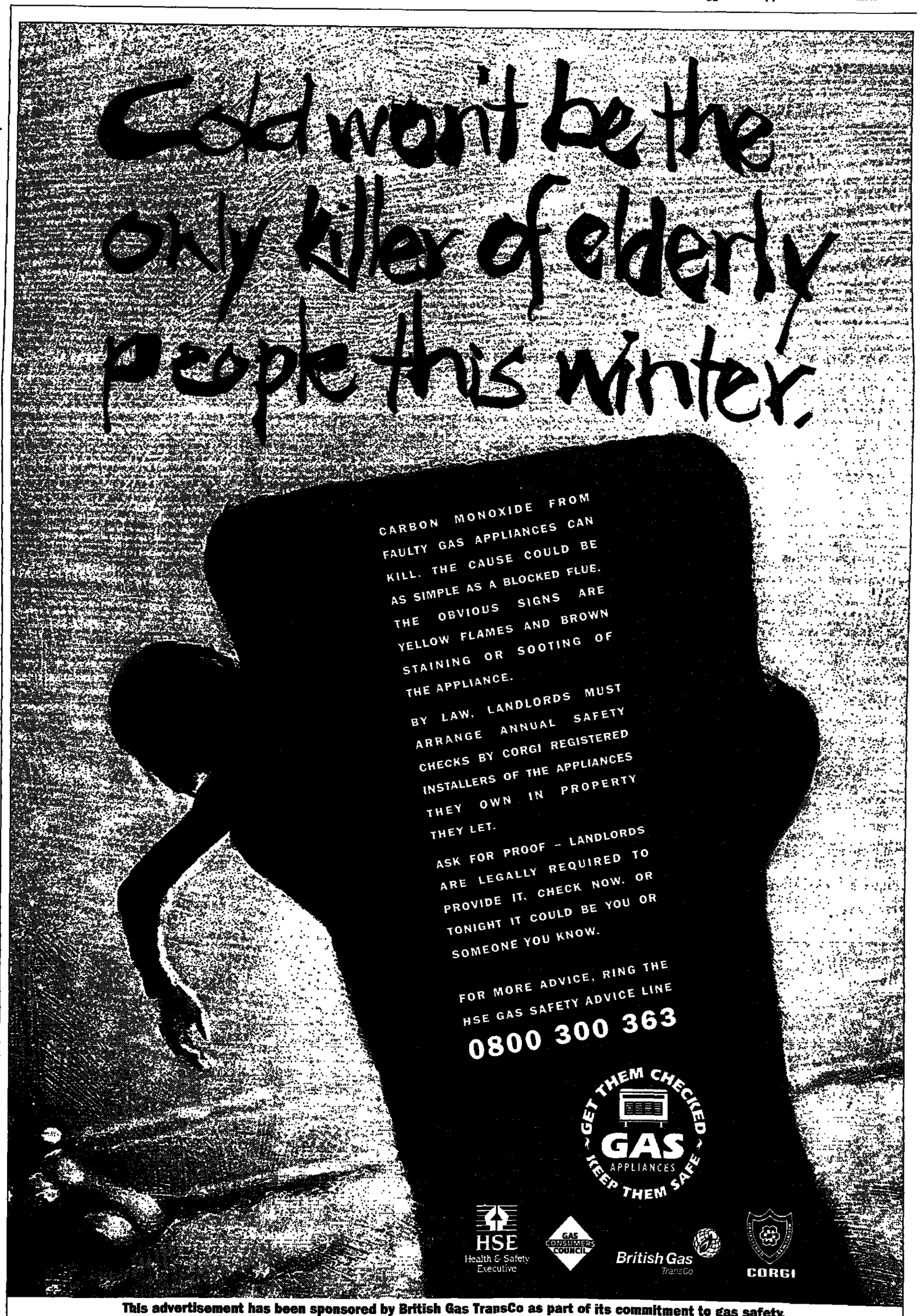
Rabin made light of his fatal injuries

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

YITZHAK RABIN, lying critically wounded in the back of his black Cadillac, made light of his injuries, according to Menachem Damati, his driver. Mr Damati had put the car in a park next to the Kings of Israel Square in Tel Aviv as Mr Rabin spoke at a pro-peace rally there on Saturday night.

When Mr Rabin was about to get into his car after the rally, a gunman walked up and fired three pistol shots into Mr Rabin's back and stomach. Mr Damati told the *Yediot Ahronot* daily newspaper yesterday that Mr Rabin whispered the words, "I'm hurting, but it's not so bad," before he lost consciousness on the way to the hospital.

In the meantime, Shimon Peres, the acting Israeli Prime Minister, said at yesterday's funeral that Mr Rabin had warned him of an assassination threat as they stood together at the peace rally the night he was killed.



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A good life cut short by lymphoma

Paul Eddington will be remembered affectionately as the actor whose superb timing made the viewers laugh even when the television comedy series in which he was starring tackled serious issues. While his fans laughed, Mr Eddington must have often been feeling far from well, for he achieved his greatest fame after he had fallen prey to both diabetes and mycosis fungoides.

Mycosis fungoides is as rare as diabetes is common. A T-cell lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, which primarily affects the skin, it begins insidiously as a non-specific itchy rash. Mr Eddington first noticed a spot on his body, but only when it appeared on his face did he resolve to do anything about it. The inflamed patches of skin can be, and often are, mistaken for mild eczema or psoriasis. The disease can affect either sex and any age group, but attacks men more often than women, and usually starts in the over-fifties.

Dr Sean Whittaker, a consultant dermatologist at the Royal Free Hospital in north London, made an eight-year study of mycosis fungoides and the disease is now a special interest of the hospital's department of skin diseases.

He explains that low grade lymphomas of the skin, such as mycosis fungoides, are very difficult to cure, unlike some of the high grade, more active lymphomas, but fortunately they run a very slow course. Mr Eddington had his problem for 15 to 20 years. "The symptoms respond to treatment, and it is not at all uncommon to see patients who have suffered from the disease for 20 years. There are some who attend my clinic in whom it was diagnosed 30-40 years ago. Not many clinics have cancer patients in their seventies or eighties who have been



attending regularly and benefiting from treatment for over 30 years." In one study of 212 patients, so slow was the course of the disease that only 45 died from the lymphoma, the others perishing from unrelated causes.

As the disease progresses, the rash thickens and forms plaques, which may become actual skin tumours. Only in the very last stages does the disease spread elsewhere in the body, usually to the lymph nodes, occasionally to the lungs. When death is related to the mycosis fungoides, it is usually from secondary infection.

Dr Whittaker says that in the early stages the lesions usually respond readily to low doses of radiotherapy (much lower doses than are needed to deal with other skin cancers). When the disease has reached the plaque stage, it can, like psoriasis, be treated with PUVA, a combination of a drug and ultraviolet radiation. In the last stages more drastic action is needed and the patient may be prescribed whole body electron beam therapy twice-weekly for five weeks, an unpleasant experience whose side-effects include total hair loss. Recently, patients have been treated with photophoresis, in which their blood is withdrawn and subjected to the PUVA regime. This induces an immune response to any tumour cells in the blood and, when returned to the body, the skin lesions.

Dr Whittaker says that although mycosis fungoides is very much less common than another lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, its often benign course may mean that it is underdiagnosed.

● *Contributions to research into skin lymphomas can be made to Dermatitis and Allied Disease Research Trust, 40 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0EL.*

Why there is no need to get rid of the cat

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh on the simple measures pregnant women can take to avoid toxoplasmosis



IN HIS new film *Nine Months*, Hugh Grant, reluctant father-to-be, is advised to get rid of his cat because of his girlfriend's pregnancy. The doctor alludes to the "little worm" toxoplasmosis, and the girlfriend, Rebecca, suggests that the cat might infect the baby with it by licking a dish or leaving cat hair on the bottle teat.

There are inaccuracies here. The organism that causes toxoplasmosis, *Toxoplasma gondii*, is not a worm but a protozoon. It can infect all warm-blooded animals, but is not passed on by saliva or hair, and newborn babies almost never become infected.

Cats, which pick up the organism from birds or mice, can transmit it to humans via their faeces. Strays, and cats which are visibly unwell, are much more likely to be infectious than Rebecca's house-bound specimen. Goats and sheep may pass it on, but much more commonly, the disease may be contracted from undercooked meat or uncooked vegetables.

Between 20 and 50 per cent of the population develop toxoplasmosis at some point. Most cases are subclinical (the person has no symptoms at all), but a glandular fever-like illness may occur, with tiredness, swollen glands, and malaise lasting two to 12 weeks. It is usually followed by full recovery. In Britain, about 1,400 women a year contract the disease when pregnant, causing minimal symptoms in the mother but risking miscarriage, stillbirth, or permanent damage to the baby, including eye damage, fluid on the brain and calcium deposits in brain tissue.

Fortunately, 60 per cent of babies whose mothers develop toxoplasmosis in pregnancy are unaffected, and many of the remainder have such mild disease that they are never diagnosed. However, poor sight and, occasionally, blindness, significant learning difficulties, and epilepsy occur in about 10 per cent.

Christine Asbury, of the Toxoplasmosis Trust, says: "We would never advise a pregnant woman to get rid of her cat. We spend a lot of time reassuring women that it is unlikely they will get toxoplasmosis from their cat. We explain that you must swallow infected cat faeces and not many people do that."

THE Trust advises pregnant women to wash their hands after contact with a cat, to empty the litter tray every day, wearing gloves, and to observe scrupulous hygiene when preparing and cooking food. All meat should be thoroughly cooked; and raw meat should not be stored near cooked food.

Pregnant women should avoid cheese or yoghurt made from unpasteurised goat's milk. Finally, sandpits should be covered when not in use.

Women who are contemplating pregnancy can ask for a blood test. Those whose blood indicates past infection will not get it again. Women who test negative for toxoplasma antibodies must take particular care when pregnant, and see their doctor if they develop flu or swollen glands persisting for longer than a week.

● *The Toxoplasmosis Trust helpline is 0171-713 0599.*

Thousands of people could benefit from a vaccine now under trial, reports **Nigel Hawkes**

An end to allergy danger?

The immune system is a wondrous thing, capable of defending us against all manner of enemies. With exquisite sensitivity it can distinguish the millions of substances that make up our own bodies from the billions that may assault us and, having spotted an alien, deal with it.

Small wonder, perhaps, that it can sometimes go wrong. The symptoms of allergy, from the inconvenience of hay fever to the life-threatening experience of anaphylactic shock, are examples of the immune system in overdrive. About a quarter of the UK population suffers allergies of one sort or another, so the problem is widespread.

Lucy Brown, a 14-year-old schoolgirl from Beckenham, southeast London, has to organise her entire life around the avoidance of nuts. Even a small trace in anything she ate would be enough to trigger a violent reaction. "Recently I went to a wedding," she says. "The bride had eaten a piece of her wedding cake, which contained almonds. When I left she kissed me on the cheek, and in the car going home the whole side of my face became swollen."

Like others who suffer violent reactions of this sort, Lucy always carries with her an injector containing adrenalin. If she feels a strong reaction coming on, she can inject the drug into her thigh, and save her life. The difficulty comes from spotting the dangers, because many foods contain unexpected traces of nut. "When I go to a restaurant, I have to ask if they use nut oil," she says. "I can't go to Chinese restaurants at all."

What people such as Lucy need is a vaccine capable of eliminating the allergic reaction altogether. Yesterday a small British company, Peptide Therapeutics, announced the results of a trial of its Active Allergy Vaccine. They are very encouraging: 13 patients were vaccinated and then challenged with the foods to which they were previously allergic. None reacted.

The patients chosen for the trial, carried out at Bydgoszcz in Poland by Professor Bogdan Romanski, were those with a strong, though not life-threatening reaction to a variety of foods — tomatoes, strawberries, nuts, fish and chicken. The allergen was administered through an endoscope into the patient's stomach, and then observed. Blistering and blanching of the stomach wall proved that the patients were indeed allergic. After vaccination, the experiment was repeated.

"The effect was remarkable," Nick Higgins, Peptide Therapeutics' director of licensing, says. "If even half of the 13 had shown a benefit, we would have been hopeful. But all 13 did."

The volunteers were then fed meals, with and without the allergen, in a double-blind trial in which neither patients nor doctors knew which was which. No patient suffered allergic reaction.

The trial went on to study two people with true anaphylaxis, one to nuts and one to fish. They were vaccinated and fed 2.5g of the allergen in a pasty, with resuscitation teams standing by in case they reacted violently. But nothing happened. The amount was increased to 12.5g, and then 25g — the equivalent of a whole bag of peanuts — still without provoking a reaction. "These results were better than we ever expected," Mr Higgins says.

A parallel trial in hay fever patients has also produced good results. After 17 sufferers had been vaccinated, they were followed throughout this year's hay fever season. Only mild symptoms were observed, the company says, despite considerable exposure to the pollen responsible.

Peptide Therapeutics has based its vaccine on research carried out over the last 30 years at the Rheumatology and Allergy Research Unit at Birmingham University and led by the unit's director, Dr Denis Stanworth. The aim is to produce a vaccine that will stop all allergic reactions before they can start. "If it works to maximum potential, it should be effective in every allergy," Dr John Brown, the company's finance director, says. "But that may be too much to hope for."

An allergic attack is a cascade of events which begins when the allergen — dust, pollen, food or other material — provokes the release of a class of antibodies called IgE (immunoglobulin E). The IgE antibodies then bind to mast cells, which are found in most body tissues and contain chemicals such as heparin and histamine.

The mast cells are now primed for action, like a hand grenade with the pin out. The IgE antibodies project from the surface of the cells in the shape of a Y standing vertically. Then, when the allergen makes contact with the primed cells, it forms a bridge between neighbouring IgE antibodies, provoking the cell into releasing inflammatory substances, including histamine. This is the process that causes the streaming eyes of hay fever, the wheezing of asthma, or the sudden shock of anaphylaxis.

Dr Stanworth identified a peptide just ten amino acids long within the IgE molecule which he believes is the trigger for the release of histamine. The new vaccine consists of this peptide linked to a carrier protein. Vaccination primes the immune system and trains it to produce antibodies against the peptide, which then protects the patient the next time he or she is exposed to the allergen.

The beauty of the approach is its generality; if all allergic reactions are triggered in the way Dr Stanworth believes, then all should be prevented by the vaccine. That could include asthma, allergic rhinitis, and perhaps eczema as well as hay fever and food allergies.

The potential market is enormous, so it is no surprise that Peptide Therapeutics has chosen to release the trial results at the same time as announcing that it is going public.

David Reading, chairman of the Anaphylaxis Campaign, whose daughter, Sarah, died at the age of 17 after eating a lemon meringue pie, is cautiously optimistic. "Obviously we're encouraged that the results of the initial trials are looking good. But we are keeping our feet firmly on the ground.

"We will need to see the data published, as well as the scientific thinking, so they can be assessed by peer review in the normal way. Then we will need to see extensive, properly controlled studies demonstrating that there is no potential for serious long-term side-effects. Of course, we hope and pray for miracle cures, but history teaches us caution."

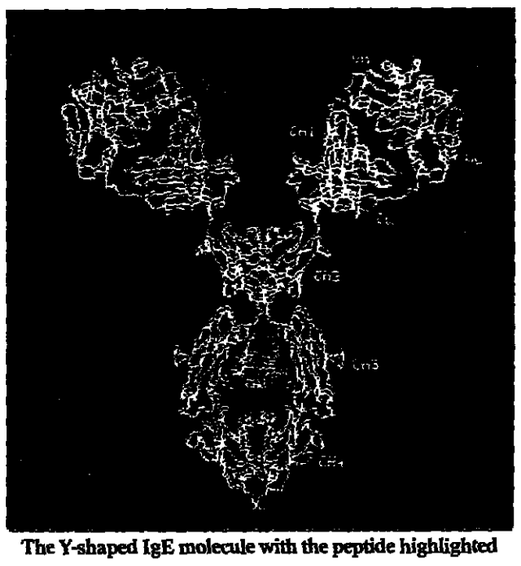
Mr Higgins says that the next year will be spent perfecting the manufacture, with the aim of offering the vaccine at the beginning of 1997 to doctors treating anaphylaxis patients. If all goes well, other groups of allergy sufferers will follow.

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Rachel Kelly meets the woman director being hailed as the new Jonathan Miller

What Katie did first

Theatre goers at the RSC in Stratford last week had sore bottoms. Katie Mitchell, the director of Euripides's *The Phoenician Women*, decided to turn the upholstered seats into backless benches to mimic the discomfort of a Greek stone amphitheatre.

The gesture is typical of a director famed for her meticulous research and desire for verisimilitude. When she staged *Ghosts*, she went to Norway to study the light and Ibsen's attic bedroom. She scoured Ukraine to record local patois for *The Dybbuk*, by the Russian playwright Anski, and went to Nottingham to find out how looms work for Ernst Toller's 1923 play, *The Machine Wreckers*. Her research gives her a better understanding not only of stage directions, but also of the author's intentions.

When we met last week in Covent Garden, she was at the bar in her trademark jeans, Silk Cut in one hand, a life of Mozart in the other. Next year she is directing *Don Giovanni* for Welsh National Opera, and it is time to brush up on her composers.

> 'There's been no master-plan, I've been very lucky'

She is fast becoming tomorrow's Jonathan Miller. She is fantastically productive in a range of media. She has directed for the RSC and the National, and this autumn made her television debut, directing D.H. Lawrence's *The Widowing of Mrs Holroyd*, starring Zoë Wanamaker and Colin Firth (of Mr Darcy fame). Characteristically, she first went to Lawrence's house on the outskirts of Nottingham.

Each new medium requires a gigantic learning curve, unpicking years of habits culled from the theatre. For television, for example, she had to get to grips with a moving viewpoint. "You can't cry," she says. "You might as well enjoy it."

Her success is all the more exceptional given that for centuries women have been treated as the backstage dogsbodies of drama, or restricted to acting — yet she says she has encountered no prejudice as a woman. Now 31, she is the most successful theatre director of her generation, winning this February the Arts Council Award sponsored by Prudential for theatre.

"Katie Mitchell is one of the most talented directors working in Britain, maybe even in the world today," the judges said. "Her stamp on a production is unmistakable, and remarkable, given her five years in the profession. It is difficult to overestimate the significance her work will have."

Her success is diligence rewarded. We were at Magdalen, Oxford, together, but she did not squander any time on a relaxed student lifestyle. She took on the presidency of the Oxford University Dramatic Society and the staging of acclaimed productions at the Oxford Playhouse.

Raised in Wiltshire, the daughter of a dentist turned designer, Mitchell originally wished to be an artist. But by 16 she decided she wasn't very talented, and switched to theatre. She has been devouring plays ever since.

"I think I have been influenced by my parents' idealism and perfectionism. They are both very dynamic people. When my mother got thyroid eye disease, her response was to set up a support group for other sufferers."

After Oxford, with characteristic thoroughness she wrote to hundreds of regional theatres seeking work as an assistant, was refused, and instead read scripts and made coffee at the King's Head theatre in Islington for a pittance. She set up Classics on a Shoestring, specialising in staging unusual classics in tiny venues. Brilliant reviews, a call from the RSC, and a Winston Churchill fellowship followed. She travelled to Georgia, Russia, Poland and Lithuania.

"There's been no master-plan. I've been very lucky," she says. Actually, she has worked very hard. "Yes, and I've read a lot. I think it's important to travel and see other people working to keep your standards high."

She is a gentle creature who works by coaxing and listening to actors' views. "It's a subtle and delicate operation," she says. "I don't like conflict. I don't think I know all the answers."

Yet her idealism is passionate. She works because she believes in theatre's polemical power. Artists mustn't shirk their social and political responsibilities, especially when spending taxpayers' money at the big subsidised theatre companies. The theatre matters. "If I stopped believing that, I would stop working," she says.

"I want the theatre to make people think. Sometimes my work is described as being cool and that's because the ideas are what are interesting. Emotion is easily manufactured, but the idea is what everything must work around."

PETER TRIEVNOR



Katie Mitchell: "I've been called cool: emotion is easily manufactured, but ideas are more interesting"

All the trappings of the theatre should contribute to its message, from the programme design to the stage settings, she feels. She repeatedly works with the set designer Vicki Mortimer, whose austere designs use wood, earth and a few well-chosen props, with authentic but plain period costumes. "Everything on a set has meaning," she says. "You can't disregard any visual references made by a playwright." Lighting designer Tina McHugh is another frequent collaborator who provides minimal lighting: weak spring sunshine, for example, or autumnal firelight.

Mitchell looks rather like her sets: austere, with scraped-back hair, plain dress and no make-up. But her animation lights up an attractive, friendly personality which overlays her high moral seriousness. She winces at questions about her lifestyle: "Oh God, people in the theatre are obsessed with directors' personal lives." For the record, she rents a room in a flat in Crouch End and is single. Relaxing means travelling. Marriage is not a priority. "I'm only 31. It's early days."

Is she waiting for the call from Hollywood? "I'm not interested in having my name up in lights," she says. To some, that might sound like false modesty. With Katie Mitchell, it sounds the truth.

Are we as prurient as the Victorians?

In this permissive age, we have not yet freed ourselves from sexual obsessions

One of the apocryphal stories of the age is the one about the man who takes the film with photos of himself cuddling his naked baby daughter to Boots to be developed, only to find the snaps are seized, and he himself the subject of investigation by the social services. I, too, had recently heard a version: a friend of a friend (like all such stories, the protagonist is never someone we know or have actually met), was prevented from living with, even seeing his children for over half a year, after some beady-eyed film developer handed over to the police and the DSS a photograph of him in the bath with his seven-month-old daughter. Later, it was found there was no case against him, and he was allowed back home, with no apology made for the distress or offence caused him and his family.



NIGELLA LAWSON

I had always imagined that there was perhaps more fear than substance behind such tales. That may still be the case. The fact that it has happened to someone famous, so publicly, says nothing about the rate of incidence. But I fear that it will have some effect on it in the future. Somehow, it makes it seem a normal thing for film developers to snoop about, looking for evidence of child abuse, child porn or, no doubt, other suspected evils. One can imagine that film developers will start thinking that that is primarily their duty: as they assume the full moral weight of this self-appointed burden, the actual job they're being paid to carry out will start seeming secondary.

I shouldn't need to say that obviously if there were anything that looked suspicious, it should be investigated. I don't wish to comment on this particular case, but am horrified by the evidence offered by the photo lab technician who tipped off the police, and by the fact that he has since spoken to *The Sun* about it. He, he said, took "a couple" of photos of his small daughter in the bath when she was young, but "I would never have taken so many of the same photos of a girl of that age". That's proof? Of what? A middle-class extravagance with film.

But there is a wider issue, and that is the prurient climate of the age. New Victorianism is running rampant, without even the excuse that the Victorians had. In a time when sexuality is repressed, when desires are seen as the beast within us which must be tamed, then one can understand how foetid sexual obsessiveness can come about. One sniggers at the ridiculousness now of the Victorians covering up piano legs lest they give rise to lascivious thoughts, but the atmosphere of heightened sexual tension is at least understandable given the ethos of the age.

We have no such excuse. Indeed, the greatest singular failure of the permissive age must surely be that it has not managed to free us from our obsessions and hang-ups.

We are still fumbling about in the dark on this one. A naked child is not a dirty thing, fit only to be seen by pornographers or perverts. What kind of eye sees like that?

Now, one may take a picture of a naked child in a bathroom without having pornographic designs on her, but that isn't to deny that there is a sexual aspect to the nudity of children. It isn't a choice between innocence or depravity, it is just about accepting what is naturally there.

Puritans can never accept nature; they are necessarily hostile to, fearful of, it. It really is a bit like complaining about people whistling dirty songs: if you don't know the words you can't be offended.

But the hotbed of the New Victorianism lies, I'm afraid, in the contemporary American women's movement, of which no right-thinking feminist should want any part. The latest edict from them gives the measure of it: complaints are in about "data-rape". Women are being assaulted by the gibes and innuendo of men using the Internet. For a start, anyone who thinks that getting vile e-mail from vile he-males is tantamount to being raped has had a very sheltered life. The only other thing to say is log off.

Modern feminism's fear of sex is no different from the Victorians' view of it as something that demeaned a good woman. New Victorianism sees sex as an assault against which frail women must be protected; even the mention of sex constitutes such an assault.

What is so offensive about these hot-breathed puritanical attitudes is not so much that they cramp and curtail our behaviour, so much as falsely describe it, seeing all of it as innately vile and degraded. At least the Victorians were just God-fearing: the New Victorians are perniciously life-fearing.

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Dangerous games with the law

Robert Alexander says judges are fulfilling their proper function

For politicians publicly to criticise judges for decisions which go against them is new. In the past they sometimes grumbled in private. Once, when I was advising a now deceased former minister on an appeal, he suddenly interjected: "This judge has held against me once before: is he a pinko?" But until recently, whatever the private feelings, the constitutional role of the judges was respected in public.

Fundamental to this role — as the Judges' Council is apparently telling the Home Affairs Select Committee — is the protection of the citizen against the State. Wise rulers in the past have acknowledged, and indeed encouraged, this. Queen Elizabeth I once famously said to her judges: "Have a care over my people . . . They are my people. Every man oppresseth them and spoileth them without mercy: they cannot revenge their quarrel, nor help themselves. See unto them, see unto them for they are my charge. I charge you even as God has charged me."

Judges have not always been robust in discharging this role. Indeed for much of this century they were largely quiescent. The lion seemed to be sleeping under the throne. But in the past 30 years, it has stirred. Lord Diplock described the growth of judicial review as the great legal development of his lifetime. But the principles on which judges act are far from new. They make sure that ministers do not exceed the scope of the powers conferred on them by Parliament, and they require decent and fair administrative procedures. Mr Justice Sedley's recent decision that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon was entitled to make representations before being refused admission to the country may have been debatable, but the principle he invoked is long established. The judges also intervene, although only very rarely, if the minister has acted in a way which shows a perverse use of his powers.

> A minister once burst out: 'Is he a pinko?'

What has happened in recent years is essentially simple. Since the Second World War, governments of all complexions have intervened more widely in all areas of life. Simon Jenkins has shown in his widely admired book *Accountable to None* just how far down this centralised power now reaches. The growth of judicial review is the inevitable reaction, to ensure that there is some proper check on the way government exercises power. What the judges are doing is enforcing good government by policing the constitutional correctness of executive decisions.

Take one illustration. In this country, we had the most generous scheme of any in the world for compensating people who have suffered criminal injury. It has existed for more than 30 years under the Royal Prerogative. Parliament put it on a statutory basis in 1989, leaving the Home Secretary with discretion as to when he should bring the new statutory scheme into force.

Kenneth Clarke and then Michael Howard considered — understandably and in accordance with their rights — that it could not be sustained financially. Mr Howard proposed to introduce a new and very much reduced scheme, simply allowing the radically different proposals which had been approved by Parliament to lie on the statute book unrepealed. The House of Lords, in debate, challenged both the legality and the wisdom of the new scheme. The Home Secretary pressed ahead. The House of Lords, this time in its judicial capacity, quashed the new scheme on the grounds that the Home Secretary could not simply override a scheme which Parliament had enacted. He had to abide by the scheme or repeal it.

Mr Howard very properly responded by introducing a new statutory scheme, less clumsy and unfair than his initial proposals. He has agreed that this scheme should be the subject of wide consultation, and that his proposals and any important changes shall be laid before Parliament for approval. So the decision has led to a less unfair scheme, backed by the legitimacy of democratic control. It has contributed to good government.

No one should underestimate the stress that judicial review imposes on politicians. The outcome of such cases is often far from certain. Yet if the court decides against the minister, and the minister faithfully complies with the decision, it is portrayed as a defeat for him. But cases in which the decision of the minister is upheld are rarely so prominently reported. All this is testing, especially when politicians are as embattled as at present.

Nonetheless they would be wise to support the judiciary. To ask the public, which has not heard the facts of the case, to write commenting on judicial decisions: to point out that a particular judge has had judgments reversed on appeal before; to whisper, or more, against Nolan and Scott for carrying out their judicial inquiries — all this has happened recently, and it is a dangerous game.

A government which upholds law and order should start with respect for the judiciary. If ministers doubt the quality of some judges, let them institute an independent commission to advise the Lord Chancellor on appointments. If they feel that judges act pragmatically and thus unpredictably, let them embrace minimal constitutional reform at least by incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights. The all-party law reform group Justice has long campaigned for these changes.

Our judiciary is not corrupt. It has a high level of integrity and ability; it acts without fear or favour, and is indifferent to personal ambition. Politicians should be the first to admire and uphold these qualities.

Lord Alexander of Weedon QC is chairman of Justice.



Protecting the innocents

We need precautions to safeguard children, but also to defend adults

Libby Purves

Never was there such a weekend for nervous leafings through the family album. Just, you understand, in case the Old Bill should drop in with a search warrant and some heavy questions about the suggestive angle of that plastic duck, or the justification of showing exposed two-year-old nipples over the edge of a Mr Blobby paddling pool.

I doubt there is a camera-literate family in the land which does not harbour some spirited snaps of children without their pants on. The traditional use of these is for mothers to ruin Christmas 30 years later by getting tiddly on sherry and showing the evidence to their children's fiancés. Jokes about awful pictures of babies on fur rugs are as old as the Box Brownie: P.G.Wodehouse is full of them. Appreciation of the cuddly fresh bounciness of baby bodies is one of the bonuses of that exhausting state known as parenthood. For heaven's sake, leave us that.

So a shudder of empathy ran across the nation over the affair of Boots the Chemist, Scotland Yard and the ITN newsreader. The police stoutly deny that it was they who leaked the name, but are inquiring into who did: well they might, because whoever it was has enabled great swathes of media to make the child's identity obvious.

The trouble is that the story was irresistible because it dramatises a common terror. It could be you. Or me. Ever since I was first sitting around at toddler groups with an armful of mixed infant, parental folklore has whispered that a chemist could shop you for a nude picture of a child. It seemed so ridiculous that most of us went on snapping regardless. But gradually the growing awareness of child pornography and its relation to abuse made us wary. Certain natural childish poses ring warning bells. Artists and photographers who specialise in undressed children are given a hard time by critics (in the case of Graham Ovenden, raided by the police). And since it has been noticed that child sex offenders swap babywear catalogues in prison, retailers have grown more careful about such matters as bikinis, sunglasses, and over-the-shoulder pouts. They have, I am told, long and embarrassing conferences about it with their advertising agencies.

The eye of the beholder may be innocent, but we now accept that there are other beholders, far from our domestic Garden of Eden where naked brats charge around with their knickers on their heads. A small minority of adults do prey on children sexually: they abuse, seduce and rape, and moreover they collect photographs, both sexually explicit and — the nightmare deepens — perfectly ordinary. Paedophiles can enjoy pictures even though the photographer had no sexual interest at all. In America they have been known to get jobs in photo-processing in order to make copies.

We know all this; and know too that these people may wear the mildest of sheep's clothing, as parents and step-parents, priests or teachers or babysitters. Because of this, I suspect that the onset of modesty and the stricture that "bottoms are private" usually occurs a few years earlier these days than it used to. Certainly by the age of seven or eight. You meet fathers who say they get up earlier on Saturdays at this stage, to prevent their growing daughters bouncing into bed with them. The point is that most families need no intervention by the State and the law to preserve reasonable mores, any more than most schoolteachers need to be told the difference between a sexual assault and a reassuring hug.

But walking this knife-edge, adults too need consideration from the law. If we protect children at the expense of our dignity, we deserve some protection too. Obviously, the biggest fear that haunts us is of children being taken away, of such abuses as Orkney or the just-concluded case in Pembrokeshire, where a mother was imprisoned and later discharged because the prosecution had no evidence whatsoever, and where her husband, after four years, was released last week by the appeal court as equally innocent.

But in far more minor ways too, child protection is creating hundreds of victims, and our support for it is being tested to the limit. Yet that support is vital. After being questioned, the ITN newsreader said stoutly: "I have always supported the work of the police, which is why I co-operated so fully." Most of us would say the same, and feel that if we were innocent, the outrage would lie not in being questioned but in being identified. But we would shortly discover another outrage awaiting us: and that is, quite simply, the time the judicial process takes.

Rot in jail, or rot on bail, they say: our legal system creaks. The medieval idea that justice should be dispensed swiftly has become buried under a mound of paperwork. Suspected shoplifters commit suicide or die of worry waiting to come to court. I know a 17-year-old charged with drug offences, who had enough time on bail to take an A level, find a flat and a job and generally alter beyond all recognition before her court date finally came up just after her 19th birthday. She was jailed, even though she was hardly recognisable as the girl of 18 months before. I have known a schoolmaster suspended on allegations of indecency in the summer holiday who waited until December before he clapped eyes upon so much as a magistrate, and then faced the rest of the school year idle and miserable, waiting for the Crown Court to decide that the whole thing was nonsense all the time.

This is a bad situation, a hundred times worse when it involves children and the complex dynamics of a family or a school. Just think for a moment of the affectionate pupils of that long-absent schoolmaster. It is a lot to take in when you are only eight: "Am I still allowed to like him?" asked one. "When will it be sorted out?" said another. The answer is, don't hold your breath, sonny. For anyone whose acquaintance with criminal proceedings is drawn from condensed and dramatised television cop shows, the geological pace is hard to believe.

Suppose that you, totally innocent, happen to be pulled in today on suspicion of having taken dodgy photographs or groped one of your piano pupils. You may well have a month on police bail, not sure whether charges will be brought. When they are, more weeks will pass before the magistrates do their bit; then six or eight months before a court date. Meanwhile, relations with your partner and with your children — assuming you are allowed to keep them — will be under almost intolerable strain. If your identity gets out locally (and it will), fingers will point and mention will be made of smoke without fire. You may lose your job; if you work with children, you will be suspended. The long suspension is then likely to be used by embarrassed school governors as an excuse to get rid of you even when you are cleared. "He'll be happier", they will say, "starting out fresh." Through malice or misunderstanding, your career will be ruined.

If the process were quicker, lives would be less poisoned, children less bewildered. "Let justice be done, or the world perish." Some accused must feel that the world has had time to perish several times over while they hang around waiting for justice.

There are solutions. Chelmsford Crown Court has pioneered a "fast-track" system for all cases involving children. The agencies concerned have formally agreed to hurry things along to a fixed timetable: police and Crown Prosecution Service, social services, magistrates and Crown Court all aim to bring people to trial within four or five weeks of the charge. This benefits both defendant and children. The system is 18 months old, has its hiccups and is currently under review, but its existence at least shows a recognition of the peculiar harm and injustice of delay in these cases. Other counties are studying it. Slowly.

Fast-tracking of one category of case will no doubt mean that the poor old suspected shoplifters spend even longer in limbo, and that drunken drivers will drunkenly drive around for even more months while their victims' families suffer an unresolved mourning. But if we really can't give the whole system a massive kick up the back end, I submit that child sex cases deserve special consideration. In a relatively new field like this, overfull of theoreticians and zealots, innocents are bound to be accused. Fine. But we should not condemn them to a minute longer than necessary of suspicion and stigma.

More cash but less fuss

Woodrow Wyatt says MPs' low pay invites abuses

Corruption in the Commons is very rare. It is as nothing to the corruption in European parliaments and in the American Congress. Last night's parliamentary vote on the recommendations of the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life and of their own select committee on Nolan was never going to have any effect on the extent of parliamentary corruption — whichever way it went — and may well actually make it harder to detect.

MPs have been engaged in a public relations exercise to regain respect undeservedly lost. For too long they have been depicted in the media as a bunch of hypocrites. Francis Urquhart and his fictional colleagues are widely believed to be a typical Prime Minister and Cabinet. Consequently MPs are now generally thought to be in it for what they can get.

But irrationally mixed with contempt for MPs is a sincere admiration. Many people proudly feel: "Our MP is not like that." Being an MP is to be one of the most important persons in a large area. This is a principal reason why the queues for selection committees are so long.

Candidates, and hence all MPs, are chosen by a fairly small caucus. Electors wishing to back the party of their fancy have no choice but to vote for the candidate it presents to them. A purer form of democracy would be to hold American-style primaries, in which registered voters for each party have a variety of candidates from whom to choose. This would prevent voters of moderate outlook in Tory-winnable seats being saddled with an extreme right-winger, or an extreme left-winger in Labour-winnable seats.

On arrival at Westminster, an MP's first duty is to act as part of an electoral chamber, confirming the leader of the party successful at the poll as Prime Minister, or the leader of the next largest party as Leader of the Opposition. Owing to the whip system, the MP's decision has been pre-empted.

The founders of the American Constitution saw the President as the successor of George III. The King's ministers were his placemen in Parliament, through whom he sought to exert control. So the President's ministers cannot be in Congress, which has considerable power to frustrate or support the President and his Cabinet and Administration, none of whom is a member of Congress, though they can be summoned by it and have their appointments overturned. Thus congressional committees have enormous significance. They give all members of both Houses of Congress serious jobs to do.

In Britain, Commons select committees are chosen by the Government and Opposition, and their reports, if not to the Government's liking, can be readily brushed aside, though many are excellent. Select committees exhibit the trappings of power, but in practice have little. So how are government supporters in the Commons who are not actually part of the Government and have not made even the first lowly step towards it by becoming parliamentary private secretaries, to make worthwhile use of their time? And what about Opposition members who are not in the Shadow Cabinet?

These members can speak in debates, if they are lucky enough to be called, or ask questions, or deal with constituents' worries, many of which should be handled by local councillors. They can go on parliamentary visits abroad. But they cannot assign many hours to outside jobs when Parliament is sitting, unless they are lawyers or in occupations conducted at times which do not clash with parliamentary hours.

The Tories have more MPs who are accustomed to living in the style of high earners than Labour, although socialists' aspirations are increasing too. But this is the land of the envious, where the public cannot abide MPs or ministers having rates of pay comparable to those of senior executives in industry. MPs are being too bashful in setting their basic pay at around £30,000, and too devious in adding various allowances to knock up a few thousand more. They worry too much about the headline figure, because they worry too much about the headlines. Restricted by Nolan supervisors and codes of conduct, they should now be bold and award themselves salaries of £100-120,000 a year, to be increased in line with inflation. This would alleviate the temptation to offer their services in unsuitable ways.

And the Government, by agreement with the Opposition, should set up select committees with the function of constantly examining the great departments of state. These committees would be in regular contact with civil servants, as well as the ministers they serve, with the aim of controlling and cutting expenditure and shaping policies on which there is little inter-party dispute.

This would eliminate many of the boring postures adopted by politicians pretending to profound disagreements with one another despite there being little difference between them. Knockabout politics can be fun, but there would be more respect for the Commons if we saw less of it.

Black mark

THE NEW Editor of *The Spectator*, Frank Johnson, may have a very short innings.

He is said to have received a blistering letter from the magazine's owner, Conrad Black, demanding an unreserved apology for the remarks in his first issue about his predecessor, Dominic Lawson, who left to edit *The Sunday Telegraph*.

The remarks Black found offensive were written by Alan Clark, the splenetic former minister, who said in *The Spectator* that Lawson had "loathsome sneering features, pastily glistening", which "peer slit-eyedly out at the reader".

Johnson said he had not yet read the missive: "I am told there is such a letter," he said. "It may be here but I've been in Ireland."

Dominic Lawson contacted Johnson before Alan Clark's diary was printed to express his concern. Johnson nevertheless went ahead with the rant, and two columnists on the magazine are now considering their position because they found it offensive. "Alan Clark is Alan Clark," said Johnson in his defence. "You can't tame what he writes. You either get nothing or you get the whole beast."

● *Germany's larger-than-life Euro-Commissioner for industry, Martin Bangemann, yesterday dismissed with a shrug of his teutonic shoulders the rebuke from Danish Commissioner Ritt Bjerregaard in her diary which reveals that he frequently misses official meetings. "It is always the case that once a woman gets to know me," Bangemann said, "she wants to see me more often." Sir Leon Brittan heard him and burst into giggles.*



"You might say that, but I couldn't possibly comment"

Unblushing

HER SERENE PINKNESS — Dame Barbara Cartland — has an unlikely fan: Colonel Gaddafi. News of the colonel's romantic leanings come from Christina Foyle, the octogenarian managing director of Foyles bookshop in Charing Cross Road.

"Colonel Gaddafi is one of our best customers," says Christina. "And his favourite author is Dame Barbara Cartland."

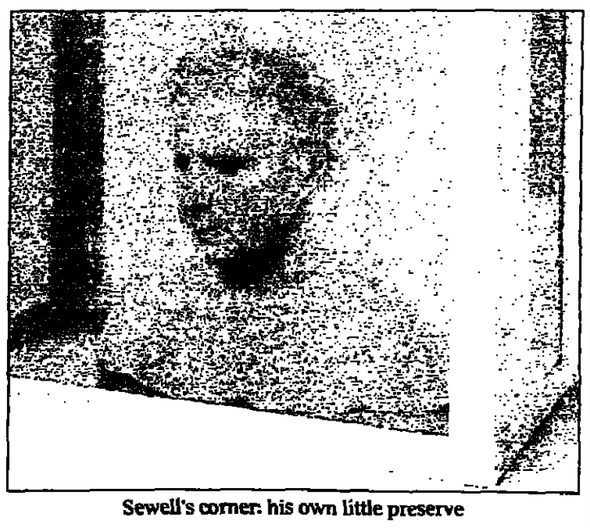
The queen of romance takes the news in her stride. "I'm delighted of course, but I'm not surprised. You see, out there they are romantics at heart and he probably didn't have a lot of love in his childhood," she explains. "I'm going to send him my most romantic novel and sign it with love."

Good life

PAUL EDDINGTON was a regular at Quaker meetings, not least because he described them as "a breath of fresh air". But the actor, who died this week, had a very different reason for attending the Westminster Meeting House every Tuesday and Thursday.

Eddington often met up with Sir Anthony Hopkins, who used to attend Alcoholics Anonymous in the same building on the same night. At the end of their respective sessions, the two actors would stand side by side at the kitchen sink, chatting and washing dishes, before sitting down to a full plate of egg mayonnaise sandwiches and a cup of tea.

● *Barry Porter, MP, has been battered by allegations that he agreed in principle to accept £1,500 to arrange meetings with a minister. And he does appear to have been in the wars — his left arm is in a sling. "I fell down in the kitchen, very early in the morning, and dislocated my shoulder against the kitchen cabinet," he explains. Or did he say Kitchen Cabinet?*



Sewell's corner: his own little preserve

Tanked up

HAVING failed to put a stop to the antics of our more outrageous artists, Brian Sewell has decided to join them. He has been pickled in formaldehyde.

Earlier this year, Sewell changed his will to bequeath his eyes to a rival critic. Now the uncompromising critic has used technical wizardry to embalm his head for the front cover of his new book *An Alphabet of Villains*, a compilation of his writings. "I've just joined the shark and the sheep," he drawls. "I think Damien Hirst has become such a clown."

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AFTER RABIN

Peres should be guided by his predecessor's memory

A gunman's bullets may have ended the life of Yitzhak Rabin, but they have not extinguished the torch of peace which Israel's dead statesman tended for his people. That flame has now passed to the grasp of other men. Those men are in mourning, but they are not in disarray. They may be beset by grief, but they are not irresolute. Mr Rabin may have been irreplaceable, but he has been replaced. Israel is emotional: it is also resilient.

The leadership has passed to Shimon Peres, who has been Prime Minister before. But Israel was then a different place, at war with its neighbours, a battered land in search of tranquillity. The country wears a changed face today: the peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation has transformed its beliefs and expectations, as well as those of the Middle East region. And if Mr Rabin was the cautious architect of this peace most bold, Mr Peres was its inspired draughtsman. The two worked in tandem, sometimes abrasively; now one will have to do the work of two.

Mr Rabin was buried yesterday on Mount Herzl; and the nation's thoughts will return eventually from the trauma of mourning to the bluster of routine. But his death at the hands of a Jewish opponent of peace — and the many agonising questions which it raises — will influence the shape of Israel's politics in more than just the medium term. As the man who shot his country's leader has shown, Israel bears a violent tension in its soul — a tension which the march of peace has only served to heighten. Yet the process of peace, it scarcely needs emphasising, will outlast Mr Rabin's extinguished life: in death, he has imparted the fibre of endurance to his tenacious belief in peace and conciliation. It falls now to Mr Peres to consolidate Mr Rabin's project.

What is the best way for him to do so? The most obvious answer — as well as the most judicious one — is that Mr Peres should change nothing. There is no profit to be gained from tampering with Israel's complex political calendar. This includes both the timetable of the accord with Yassir Arafat's PLO as well as the schedule for the country's parliamentary elections in November next year.

The opponents of peace with the PLO — and of a wider peace within the region — are now on the defensive. That includes, of course, the opposition Likud party. Mr Rabin's killer may have had nothing to do with the Likud, or with any other party for that matter: but so powerful is the revulsion that his actions have provoked in Israel, and so great the outpouring of sympathetic emotion at Mr Rabin's death, that a considerable degree of restraint will now be thrust upon those who oppose the dead Prime Minister's programme.

Mr Peres must derive from that restraint a new momentum for the peace process. To hold elections now would only be to fritter away that momentum. An early election would also raise uncomfortable questions for the ruling coalition: is Mr Peres the ideal man to lead the Government at the polls? Would his idealism, unleavened by Mr Rabin's outspoken commitment to his country's security, prove to be an electoral liability?

These questions cannot yet be answered accurately. But this is certainly not the time to pose them. Mr Peres is in charge: the opponents of peace are as benumbed today as those Israelis who believe that the pursuit of peace should now acquire a new urgency. The memory of Mr Rabin, and of everything for which he died, should guide the Israeli Government in all that it does.

LOWER AND LOWER

A bad day for the reputation of ministers and parliament

The standing of the House of Commons was low yesterday morning; it had risen only a little by the evening. Last night's vote to disclose the amount that MPs are paid by consultants, lobbyists and their clients showed a welcome acknowledgement of the extent to which the public has lost trust in Parliament. But the only winners will be Opposition MPs. The Government's determination to resist disclosure will compound the unhealthy cynicism that already afflicts voters' attitudes to Tory politicians.

The divorce between politicians and the world outside was in stark evidence. Not until an hour into the debate, in Ann Taylor's last sentence, was the public reputation of Parliament mentioned by a main speakers. Barely anyone outside the House of Commons disputes that MPs' activities should be more transparent. Yet so insular is the institution that far too many of its primary figures were prepared to ignore the strength of feeling against their cosy arrangements. Elected to serve the people, they apparently feel justified in putting their pecuniary interests above those of their voters.

It took the intervention of John Biffen, a famously independent-minded former Leader of the House, to bring Members' minds back to the real issue. "The public mood has moved on," he reminded them. "There is outside a powerful mood of anxiety about how we perform." And, he added, there is a change in the general climate of society. Publicly quoted companies are already starting to publish the salaries of their directors; so had the House not voted for disclosure, MPs who were also company directors would have had the part of their income that was not relevant to their job made public while the income that was relevant would have remained secret.

Tony Newton, as Leader of the House, made an unpersuasive attempt to justify his opposition to the Nolan recommendations on disclosure. It would be impossible, he claimed, to draw a line between fees that MPs earned because they were MPs and income that did not relate to their positions. Yet a line was already to be drawn, since contracts that MPs enter into that are relevant to their jobs will have to be vetted by the new Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. All that will now need to be added will be the pay.

Mr Newton sounded Jesuitical because his case was so weak. What he could not tell the House was that political expediency was his main guide. Many Tory MPs blame John Major for having set up the Nolan committee in the first place; their opposition to its recommendations was an important factor in the Prime Minister's weakness in the spring and early summer. So Mr Major felt obliged to dilute the committee's recommendations in order to save his own skin.

He could instead have shown some leadership. His aim in calling the leadership election in June was to reassert his authority. Having won, he should have warned his party that it would suffer grievously at the polls if it did not submit to the type of open and accountable reform that the Conservative Government has imposed on almost every other institution in the country.

Instead, the result of last night's vote is a Labour Party that can now claim the moral high ground and a Tory party that will sink even lower in public esteem. Mr Major's inability to take unpopular decisions will have been noted and held against him. And any credit that he won for setting up Nolan will be lost. The parties that can now claim a political dividend for the reform of parliamentary behaviour will be those on the other side of the House.

NONE OF OUR BUSINESS

And yet we do have an interest in who wins the Booker Prize

Does it matter who wins the Booker Prize for fiction tonight? Well, it depends whom you ask. It matters to the authors: there is extra fame and fortune for almost any writer whose works carry the red flash "Booker Prize Winner". Ditto for the publishers: does the Booker matter to Macmillan, Cape or Viking? Does a dog bark, does David Hockney do swimming pools, do muggers go for a Rolex, does the editorial director want to be in work next year?

For the judges too it matters — like a mad itch matters. Once upon a time, when the prize was young and twee, the deliberators' deliberations were more secret than a Cabinet committee's. In those days, you may recall, Cabinet committees did not officially exist. But today, judges eke out their stipend just like junior politicians by pouring all over the papers: we can already report on what they drank this year (champagne), where they met (the Savile Club), and how they feel ("I really might throw a tantrum if a book I loathe looks like winning").

Does it matter to the rest of us? Not every year. All five shortlisted novels for 1995 have virtues of story-telling, teaching and magic-making that add to the sum of what has gone in novels before. Each, in the argot of this evening, would be a worthy winner. Fiction itself is the living art of which the British can be most proud. But that does not mean we need an annual champion or that the policy of *The Times* should be to care who the champion should be.

And yet, we do care. This year the judges could choose several good stories and at least one novel, Pat Barker's *The Ghost Road*, which teaches us profoundly of its subject in the way that only the best novels can teach. None of the shortlist is a sham or obvious compromise. And yet...

For 1995 the judges have the chance to choose a novel, which more than any work for many, many years, exemplifies that part of the novelist's art that is bigger than teaching or tale-telling. Salman Rushdie wrote *The Moor's Last Sigh* in conditions that make the air chill. The very word-processing of his work about family identities, national identities and the place of man in time was an act of courageous concentration. While the security men guarded and the Ayatollah's emissaries flitted in and out, the writer wrote his jokes and spun his webs.

But he should not win his second Booker Prize for judgment and bravery, qualities which it is our normal business to praise in this column. He should win it for the reason that is most precisely none of our business, for his creation of a new, fresh-baked, never-before-seen world that is as far as possible from the stuff of fact and opinion. Mr Rushdie has made true magic in this year's Booker contender. He has truly deceived. He has done more than has any of his rivals, if rivals is how we must see them. He has commanded things that are not and have never been and has made them things that are and will be for ever.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Much found wanting in the divorce reform controversy

From Mrs Janet Walker

Sir, Amidst the last-minute attempts by some MPs to get the proposals for divorce reform dropped from the Queen's Speech (report, November 3), Simon Jenkins's informed and balanced article ("Divorced from reality", November 1) was very welcome.

As director of the centre which has conducted much of the research on mediation and post-divorce family life over the past ten years, it has been particularly disappointing to see the divorce reform debate reduced to emotive and ill-informed moral panic.

Just in case anyone is in doubt there is abundant evidence that the present law has failed to meet its dual objectives of supporting marriages which have a chance of survival and the decent burial, with the minimum of embarrassment, humiliation and bitterness, of those that are dead.

The divorce rate has shot up since 1969 and many thousands of couples find themselves locked into bitter conflict not just during divorce but long afterwards, to the detriment of everyone concerned, especially children.

Our research shows plainly just how painful divorce is, how extremely difficult couples find it to achieve co-operative post-divorce relationships which offer children the continued love and security they need from both parents, and how ill-prepared most couples are for the loneliness, financial struggles, resentment and bitter disputes which so frequently characterise life after divorce and which may undermine subsequent attempts to create new stable relationships.

Since there appears to be universal agreement that legislation needs to change, if we are serious in the intent to support marriage and family life, then it seems extraordinary *not* to welcome the opportunity for extensive debate which would be guaranteed during the passage of a divorce reform Bill.

Surely this is the best forum within which to consider current concerns and to deliberate the merits of the proposed changes, particularly as the last occasion on which substantial government time was given to the thorny issue of marriage breakdown was 1857 [leading article, November 6].

Yours faithfully,
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From the President of the Law Society

Sir, The letter from the Tavistock Marital Studies Institute and others (November 2) gives a false impression. No one is objecting to the Government's divorce proposals on the ground that the existing system is satisfactory. On the contrary, the present system is profoundly objectionable because it allows divorce too easily. The social and financial consequences of this are all too evident.

Will the Government's proposals have the effect of reinforcing the institution of marriage? It is argued that they will because of the proposed "period of reflection between the commencement of the proceedings and the grant of the decree". It must be said yet again that this period of reflection is nothing of the sort, because during its currency the parties would be conducting their disputes over children, property and income, just as they do at the moment.

The Government attempts to sell its "reforms" on the ground that they would involve an increased use of "mediation", "conciliation" etc. No one should be deceived by this. The reality will be one or two formal sessions attended sullenly by unwilling parties.

There is indeed an urgent need for divorce reform, but not down this path.

Yours sincerely,
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November 2.

From Mrs Avril Links

Sir, Simon Jenkins praises mediation in that it helps people "reach a settlement without having to go through the adversarial process of hiring separate lawyers". Implicit in his remark is the assumption that the adversarial system is a bad one. This is not necessarily true.

In times of conflict it is comforting to have someone "on your side" who will hear your story and give help and advice based on your best interests. Marriages are very secret places and it is often a tremendous relief to have someone to speak to, fully, frankly — and in confidence, often after years of abuse and violence adeptly hidden from neighbours. In many relationships one partner is dominant and the other acquiesces through apathy or fear.

Whereas the mediator's task is to help the parties to achieve a settlement, the solicitor is partisan. He has a duty to act in his client's best interests and, by ensuring that any settlement reached is fair to his client, he will protect the weak from exploitation by the strong.

Mediation most certainly has a place in divorce, but it should be as an "optional extra" after independent advice on rights and obligations has been obtained, not a compulsory first step.

Lord Mackay's proposals are not aimed at helping those who divorce but are rather yet another of his misguided attempts to save money by emasculating the legal profession and depriving the vulnerable of independent legal representation.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Wrio Russell

Sir, My and my wife's recent divorce proceedings were, naturally, painful. We felt we were quite capable of handling the matters for settlement under the guidance of one good lawyer but we were told that the proceedings had to be of necessity adversarial, with two representing lawyers.

This introduced an element of extra conflict which was particularly stressful for my young wife, even though she was compassionately guided through the proceedings.

When I thanked my lawyer for finding such a suitable representative for my wife, he replied that this colleague of his was one of only a handful of divorce lawyers in London whom he could trust. It would seem that there are too many perpetuating the painful conflict of divorce proceedings on behalf of their clients in order to line their own pockets.

Would Lord Mackay's proposals not make it less likely for such legal sleaze to occur?

Yours sincerely,
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From Mrs Charlotte Horsfield

Sir, It is perhaps ironic that as divorce becomes easier and more user-friendly the less likelihood there is of couples going through the ritual of marriage; for if marriage is not a binding contract and if it does not provide either status or legal protection for spouses and their offspring any better than that given to the informal liaison, then there can be little point in getting married other than as an excuse for having a party.

Yours faithfully,
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Mismanagement in the wilderness

From Mr Stephen Samuelson

Sir, In his article, "There is no such thing as a natural world" (October 30), Stephen Budiansky depicts environmentalists as hopeless romantics. He then tries to make a case for the human "management" of wilderness areas.

I don't recognise in his descriptions any environmentalist that I know or have read. Of course nature is always changing, but everywhere man has gone the rate of change has been enormously accelerated and distorted, resulting in the creation of deserts and the reduction of bio-diversity.

That some American Indians set brush fires supports my argument, not his. Management is usually a euphemism for short-sighted, cack-handed exploitation of the environment.

It's no good blaming elk for a reduction in trees and beaver. We know where most of the beaver went: before Europeans got stuck into North America wolves kept down the elk population, trees flourished and beaver were so numerous they became the basis of a whole new fashion industry.

Budiansky says that "glaciers have repeatedly wiped clean millions of square miles of the landscape." Is he suggesting that we therefore have an excuse to do the same, or do the "nature managers" have a plan to stop them? The Earth's forests are being destroyed by humans to a greater extent and at a faster rate than glaciers ever did.

He says he bites his tongue when listening to nature lovers. Perhaps he could bite his fingers instead, to keep him from writing.

Yours sincerely,
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From the Reverend Eric Raygor

Sir, I lived for 24 years in the deer-glutted state of Pennsylvania. Stephen Budiansky's article omitted one important detail.

True, wildlife management is essential, now that most American ecosystems have been deprived of a chief predator (eg, mountain lion, grey wolf). But the root of the problem lies not in nature fostering too many herbivores but in humanity's elimination of the carnivores.

The explosion of the Yellowstone elk population is due mainly to the reduction of its natural range and, more important, the elimination about a hundred years ago of the wolf from the region. This has impelled park rangers and hunters to assume the role of chief predator. Perhaps, now that the wolf is being reintroduced, some balance may be restored.

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Wages in tourism

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress

Sir, In his Travel News column of November 2, "No room for minimum wage", Harvey Elliott reports that employers in tourism are arguing that a national minimum wage will have devastating consequences for their industry. They seem to have swallowed a heavy dose of the new Right's propaganda that minimum wages cause job losses.

This simply ignores the evidence both from Britain and overseas. Independent research has shown conclusively that minimum wages in the hotel and catering industries did not hold back employment growth. Indeed, the wages of workers in hotels and restaurants actually *fell* by over 5 per cent in the year following the abolition of wages councils (1993-94) but the promised jobs expansion failed to materialise.

By arguing against minimum-wage protection employers will continue to have a licence to exploit their workers and to adopt such wholly unacceptable practices as the zero-hours contracts (no pay in slack periods) revealed at Burger King last September.

The Government's own Labour Force Survey for the winter quarter 1995 shows that over 1.3 million workers in the hotels, catering and distribution sector earn less than £3.50 an hour, of whom over 900,000 are women. To grant any exemption from the national minimum wage for the tourist industry would be to ignore one of the highest concentrations of low pay in Britain.

At a time when top executives have been awarding themselves excessive pay increases it is surely reasonable for ordinary workers to demand fair treatment and a decent living wage. The success of Britain's tourist industry depends upon a high quality, well trained, well paid and highly motivated workforce. The introduction of a statutory national minimum wage is essential if this objective is to be achieved.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MONKS,
General Secretary,
Trades Union Congress,
Congress House,
Great Russell Street, WC1.
November 2.

Indian summer?

From Mrs Rita J. Archer

Sir, Oh dear; on sale in Woolworth's is The *Pocahontas* Advent Calendar.

Yours faithfully,
RITA J. ARCHER,
Thistle Cottage, Norwood's Court,
Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire.
November 6.

Exam results dispute

From Mr Graham Banks

Sir, Your report of the increase in appeals over GCSE results ("Tables fuel exam results disputes", November 1) implies that this is the result of the anxiety of schools about league tables. In fact, schools are cautious about incurring the expense of unsuccessful appeals and know from experience how reluctant the examining boards are to change grades.

Consequently, appeals are made only when the school is pretty sure that the results are seriously anomalous. I suggest that what the increase shows is a growing sense in schools that GCSE exams are in some cases seriously mismanaged by boards and that the quality of marking is sometimes very inconsistent.

Teachers are aware that the boards find it difficult to recruit examiners, and the profession is alive with anecdotes of examiners whose own teaching experience is very limited and of others who are sent several times more scripts than they undertook to mark because of the shortage of examiners.

I am afraid that the result of this is a growing cynicism within schools concerning the competence of some of the boards to conduct examinations adequately.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM BANKS
(Head of English),
Bedales School,
Church Road,
Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire.
November 1.

From Dr Julian Pattison

Sir, The Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations is wrong to suggest that appeals by independent schools against examination results are motivated by either league tables or a desire for publicity. Rather, we appeal because justice has not been done. Any teacher, whether in the state or the independent sector, would want to do likewise.

In the case of my own department an appeal to the Northern Board in September 1994 about English literature results produced a five-month-long correspondence which eventually confirmed our suspicions: 36 of our 91 candidates had been given the wrong grades.

In such cases it is in everyone's interest that re-marking is done quickly and efficiently, particularly as a wrong grade may well force an irreversible change to a student's plans for A level.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN PATTISON
(Head of English),
Wolverhampton Grammar School,
Compton Road,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

School class sizes

From Mr James Norrish

Sir, As a primary school teacher in the Middle East, I read with interest and alarm your report (October 25) on the percentage of UK primary pupils in classes of 40 or more.

I teach in a friendly, comfortable, well resourced and stress-free environment. My pupils are well motivated. I receive full backing from parents, governors and head. My salary and conditions of service are excellent. I really do enjoy my work. I have 13 in my class.

And friends and former colleagues *still* ask if I intend returning to the UK to teach.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES NORRISH,
c/o The English School,
PO Box 379, 13004 Safat, Kuwait.
November 1.

Prison questions

From Mr Quentin Palmer

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Dyer (November 4), bemoans the declining emphasis placed on rehabilitation within the Prison Service.

Yet he writes as a prison inmate and refers to his experiences "over the years" in many prisons.

Rehabilitation?

Yours sincerely,
QUENTIN PALMER,
83 Gallows Hill,
Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.
November 5.

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, The Government is passing an Act to increase the remission of sentence that convicted terrorists in Northern Ireland will receive (report, October 31). This proposed reduction in the length of sentence they serve is said to be an important contribution to the peace process.

Perhaps somebody could explain why Mr Michael Howard's proposal to reduce remission of sentence (and hence to increase the length of sentence served) in English prisons will make us all safer in our beds in this country

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT RHODES,
Littleton Building,
3 King's Bench Walk North,
Temple, EC4.
November 2.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Ostrich farming

From Mrs Robyn Wright

Sir, Mr Philip Lymbery, from Compassion in World Farming (letter, November 1), asks that the welfare of ostriches in the infant farming industry be "fully thought through".

He refers to them as "giant birds", saying they are "potentially difficult to handle". They are no more giant than a cow, and certainly more graceful, inquisitive and human-loving; I would say handling them is easier than handling a bull.

As for being "easily frightened", if birds are stressed or unhappy they do not lay and become an uneconomic proposition.

Ostrich farmers are unusual among farmers in that they are required to have their facilities and husbandry competence checked by a qualified vet and licensed yearly. Thus we have an industry better controlled in terms of welfare than most more established forms of animal farming.

Yours faithfully,
ROBYN WRIGHT,
Mill Farm,
Woburn Sands,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.
November 2.

Many happy returns

From Mr P. H. Tray

Sir, Perhaps it would cheer up Mrs Nicky Phillips (letter, November 3) to learn that a local shop stocks three designs of 100th birthday cards.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TRAY,
707 High Road, Finchley, N12.
November 3.

Room at the top

From Mr Christopher Alderson

Sir, When does a model become a supermodel? Who decides?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ALDERSON,
121 Handside Lane,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
November 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
WELLINGTON
November 6: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Dunedin and were received by the Mayor of Dunedin (Mrs Sukhi Turner).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this morning visited Edgar Sports Centre, were received by the Hon Sir Robin Gray MP (Minister of State) and Mr Eion Edgar (Chairman, Management Committee) and viewed activities in the centre.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured the Mayor of Dunedin with her presence at Luncheon at the Dunedin Centre.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the knitwear factory of Tamahine Holdings and were received by Mr Alan Gamble (Managing Director).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by The Prince of Wales at the State Funeral of Mr Yitzhak Rabin (Prime Minister of the State of Israel) which was held at Mount Herzl, Jerusalem, this afternoon.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 6: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help The Aged, this afternoon presented the 1995 Help The Aged Tunstall Golden Awards at the London Hilton, 22 Park Lane, W1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present today at a Reception and Luncheon given for the Northumbria Branch of the British Red Cross Society, to celebrate the conclusion of the Society's 125th Birthday Year, at Blagdon Hall, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland (The Viscount Ridley, KG).

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 6: The Duke of Gloucester this evening opened an Exhibition by Ukrainian Artists at Cork Street Gallery, 28 Cork Street, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
November 6: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited the Embraer Aircraft factory, San Jose dos Compos, São Paulo State, Brazil.

His Royal Highness later visited Bundy Tubing, and this afternoon visited Pilkington Float Glass and the National Space Research Institute, São Paulo State, Brazil.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Christmas Market Preview, the Royal Horticultural New Hall, Vincent Square, London SW1.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; will arrive at Greenwich Pier at 2.30; will visit the Royal Naval College Greenwich at 2.35; will visit Eltham Palace at 4.30; and, as Patron of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will attend a reception at HM Tower of London at 6.30 in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's City Appeal.

The Princess of Wales as Patron of WellBeing, will open the Liverpool Women's Hospital, Crown Street at 11.40; will visit Liverpool Cathedral at 1.05; and will visit the Project Rosemary site at Liverpool at 2.50.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend a meeting of the Council of Management, Lanwades Hall, Kennett, Newmarket, at 11.15; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Daly Transport Services, Suez Road, Brimsdown, Enfield, at 2.30; and, as Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Royal Hussars, will attend the officers' dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 7.45.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps, will visit 23 Pioneer Regiment, St David's Barracks, Bicester, at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 11.25 to mark the 75th anniversary of the appointment of the first women magistrates and will attend a reception in Westminster Hall afterwards. Later, as Patron of the National Listening Library, will attend the annual meeting at Drapers' Hall at 5.00.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin

A book of condolence on the assassination of the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, will be opened, after the State Funeral in Israel, at the Embassy today and tomorrow from 10.00 till 5.00.

Members of the public who wish to visit the Embassy for this purpose are asked to bring a form of identification including a photograph.

O'Donnell Shuldham Redfern

A service of thanksgiving for the life of O'Donnell Shuldham Redfern will take place at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, London, SW3, on Wednesday, November 29, at 4.30pm.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr T.S. Lansley was the speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Jean Armstong presided.

Tyne and Wear Lieutenancy

The following have been appointed as Deputy Lieutenants for Tyne and Wear:

Sir Jeremy Hugh Beecham, Colonel Kathleen Clarke, Mr George Gill, Mr Robert Neville Hankinson, Mrs Sylvia Margaret Murray, Colonel William Rainnie Porteous, Mr Malcolm James Scott, Mr Nigel Sherlock, Mr James Robertson Graeme Wright.



Queen Victoria presenting Piper George Findlater of the Gordon Highlanders with the Victoria Cross in 1897. The medal was bought privately yesterday through Spink & Son for the regiment and will be displayed at the Gordons' museum in Aberdeen. Piper Findlater was badly wounded during an attack in the North West Frontier campaign. Unable to stand, he sat up, under heavy fire, and played the regimental march to encourage the Gordons.

Birthdays today

Mr Ian Balding, racehorse trainer, 57; Mr John Barnes, footballer, 32; Air Marshal Sir John Donald, 68; Sir John Egan, chief executive, BAA, 56; the Rev Professor Christopher Evans, theologian, 86; Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, 50; Dr Billy Graham, evangelist, 77; Mrs Lucinda Green, three-day eventer, 42; Lord Greenhill of Harrow, 82; Mr John Grieves, senior partner, Freshfields, 60; Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, 65; Mr Michael Jackaman, chairman, Allied Domecq, 60; Dame Gwyneth Jones, soprano, 59; Mr Wolf Mankowitz, author, 71; Mr Charles Miller Smith, chief executive, ICI, 56; Mr Jonathan Palmer, racing driver, 39; Miss Su Pollard, actress, 46; Dr Ralegh Radford, archaeologist, 95; the Right Rev G.M. Sessford, former Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, 67; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Stuart-Paul, 61; Dame Joan Sutherland, OM, soprano, 69; Mrs Helen Suzman, South African politician, 78; Viscount Tenby, 68; Sir Anthony Wheeler, former president, Royal Scottish Academy, 76; Baroness White, 86; Mr Peter Wilby, Editor, *The Independent on Sunday*, 51.

Institute of Marine Engineers

The following have been elected Fellows of the Institute of Marine Engineers and are entitled to use the designatory letters FIMarE:
R V Abilian, D R Broome, S Curtis, R L F Dias, W H Falconer, R W A Fenwick, P F G Flicek, A James, D F Linyell, I K Mahendran, C Middleton, A F Perry, D K Sanyal, B P Sharman, T Sriskandarajah.

City Livery Club

Mr Charles Bowman has been elected President of the City Livery Club and Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo as vice-president for the ensuing year.

Dinners

Lord Chancellor
The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of the Conseil d'Etat.

Woolmen's Company
The Very Rev Lawrence Jackson was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Woolmen's Company, held last night at Saddlers' Hall. Mr Clifford S. Dennis, Master, presided and Mr Arthur A. Hammond also spoke.

During dinner the Master presented medals and prizes to Miss Rosemary Smith of Leeds University, Miss Sarah Leeds of Harper Adams Agricultural College and Miss Daniella Trainor of Belfast.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Professor Niall Lothian, was host at the Institute Dinner in London held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Dr Kenneth Calman was the Guest of Honour and Mr Paul Boyle also spoke. Among the other guests were:
Mr S G Bennett, Sir John Bourn, Ms E M Bowyer, Mr B M Currie, Mr N Deasy, Sir James Duncan, Ms S Egan, Mr I R Fox, Mr G V Hart, Professor M Harvey, Mr A Likierman, Mr G M Lindey, Mr D Mackay, QC, the Rev J H McIndoe, Mr J A McNab, Professor W C C Morrison, Mr N H Nicholls, Mr D Penry-Davey, QC, Mr W I D Plaistowe, Mr S Pott, Mr J P Ryan, Mr J Scotford, Mr J K Sommerville, Mr J P Supperstone, Mr J Wagener, Mr J R Wallace, MP, Mrs E A Woods.

Athenaeum
Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir Kenneth Warren presided.

Cardiff Business Club
The Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, Mr Brian K. Thomas, and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy Davies, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr Geoffrey Miller, former Derbyshire and England test cricketer. Mr Clifford Evans, Life President, Acer Wallace Evans Ltd, presided.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a farewell luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House for the High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea.

Coal Industry Society
Mr Colin Sully, Chairman of the Coal Industry Society, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr Brian Riddleston, Chief Executive of Celtic Energy, was the principal guest and speaker.

Jewish Music Heritage Trust

Mr Alexander Knapp, Joss Loss Research Fellow in Jewish Music at City University, London, was the speaker last night at the Chapter House, St Paul's Cathedral on the opening of the Bnai Brith Jewish Music Festival 1995, under the auspices of the London Society of Jews and Christians. Canon Christopher Hill and Rabbi David Goldberg also spoke.

Appointments

Mr James Thomas Lunney and Mr James Cameron Kidd have been appointed as a full-time Chairmen of Social Security, Medical, Disability and Child Support Appeal Tribunals.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marie Curie, chemist, Nobel laureate 1903 and 1911, Warsaw, 1867; Lise Meitner, physicist, co-discoverer of nuclear fission, Vienna, 1878; Leo Trotsky, Russian Revolution leader, Yanowka, 1879; Albert Camus, novelist, Nobel laureate 1957, Mondovi, Algeria, 1913.

DEATHS: Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, aviator, lost in flight after passing over Calcutta, 1935; Geoffrey Dawson, Editor of *The Times* 1912-19, 1923-41, London, 1944; Richard Sorge, German-born spy, executed, Tokyo, 1944; John Carmel Heenan, cardinal, Archbishop of Westminster 1963-75, London, 1975; Gene Tunney, world heavyweight boxing champion 1926-28, 1978; Steve McQueen, film actor, Mexico, 1980; Hugh Maclennan, novelist, Montreal, 1990.

The last public hanging took place at Tyburn, 1753.

The coast-to-coast Canadian Pacific railway was completed, 1885.

The October Revolution took place in Russia (known as such from the Old Style calendar date of October 25), 1917.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army
Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Wheeler to be Commander-in-Chief Land Command in the rank of general early next year.

COLONEL: A L Mallinson to RCB, 6.11.95

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: R M Crosskey, RE, to MES (WKS)(CRE), 6.11.95; A P B Lake, RGBW - to JSDC (DS) 6.11.95; W E B Loudon RHF - To be CO 1 RHF, 6.11.95; J P Moreland, R Signals - to be CO 33 Sig Regt, 6.11.95; J B O'Gorman, IG - To BMM SANG, 9.11.95; A R M Wilson RE - To HQ BF Cyprus, 9.11.95.

Memorial service

Mr Ronnie Hyde
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ronnie Hyde, News Editor of the *Evening Standard* from 1940 to 1971, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Stuart Kuttner, Managing Editor of the *News of the World*, read the lesson and Mr Michael Norris read *Immortality* from *The Song of God* translated by Edwin Arnold.

Mr Michael Clayton, a main board director and Editor-in-Chief of Country Pursuits Titles, IPC Magazines, gave an address.

Lord Carr of Hadley, Mr Philip Evans, Executive Editor of the *Evening Standard*, also representing the Editor, Mr Stephen Clackson, News Editor, Mr Charles Wintour, members of the family and many other friends were present.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The following have been elected to Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh:
Sir Robert Shields, President, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Martin McArthur Lees, Edinburgh; Helen Purdie McEwan, Glasgow; Stuart Campbell, London; Desmond Adrian Canavan, Belfast; Pier M Mannucci, Milan; Peter Stanley Harper, Cardiff; David Wheatley, Glasgow; Ahmed Abdul Munib, Bangladesh; Mohammed Sofiullah, Bangladesh; Ong Yong Yau, Singapore; Anthony John Keller, Western Australia; Myint Lwin, Myanmar; Firdous Ara J Janan, Bangladesh.

Royal Institute of Navigation

The following have been elected to the Council of the Royal Institute of Navigation:
President, Mr W F Blanchard; Vice-Presidents, Captain R A Smith, RN, and Captain A N Cockcroft; Honorary Treasurer, Air Commodore M J-C Burton; Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr D M Page; Chairman of the Membership and Fellowship Committee, Air Commodore N Bonnor; members of council, Mrs C Bloom, Mr P L Cook, Air Commodore D F H Grocott, Mr W B Kendal, Mr P E G Moore, Mr S Morice, Mr K Newman, Mr W H Sandford, Mr R D Stephenson and Mr A L Wale.

Institute of Physics

The following have been elected Fellows of the Institute of Physics:
Dr Peter Bussey, Glasgow University; Dr Arthur Butland, AEA Technology, Warrington; Professor Charles Catlow, Royal Institution; Dr David Dolman, DERA Portsdown, Cosham; Dr Ian Dunbar, UKAEA (AEA Technology) Warrington; Dr John Durell, Manchester University; Professor Uduogie Ivowi, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council; Dr David Lovell, Essex University; Professor Patrick MacKeown, University of Hong Kong; Professor Vladimir Mikheev, Oxford Instruments; Dr David Norris, MPI for Cognitive Neuroscience, Leipzig; Professor Brian Scarlett, Delft University of Technology; Dr Alan Segar, Oxford University; Dr Michael Smith, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University; Dr David Thomas, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg; Mr William Toner, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot; Dr Reginald Tunnicliffe, DERA Portsdown, Cosham; Dr Gregory Veksnein, UMIST; Dr Apostolos Vourdas, Liverpool University.

University news

Cambridge
Darwin College
David John Cameron MacKay has been elected into an Official Fellowship.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.D. Neill and Miss E.C. van Musschenbroek
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Neill, of Hathersage, Derbyshire, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kelsey van Musschenbroek, of Bath.

Mr N.H.N. Wilcockson and Miss M.A. Stavin
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mrs June de la Roque, of St Brelade, Jersey, and the late Commander Peter Wilcockson, DSC, RN, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nils Stavin, of Orebro, Sweden.

Marriages

Mr M.P. Riley and Miss L.J. Burville
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 28, in the city of Canterbury, of Marc Pierre, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Riley, of River, Kent, and Louisa Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Burville, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent.

Mr C. Wilson and Miss J. Cameron
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 4, at St Mary's Church, Inverness of Colin Wilson, son of Mr Geoffrey Wilson and the late Mrs Wilson, to Johanna Cameron, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Charles Cameron.

A reception was held at Allangrange, the home of the bride's uncle.

The Church in Wales

Appointments
Llandaff diocese
The Rev Stewart Lisk, Assistant Chaplain to the Colleges of Cardiff and Chaplain of Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, has been appointed Vicar of Glan Ely.

The Rev Norman Lea, Vicar of Port Talbot, St Theodore, has been appointed Vicar of Cadoxton-juxta-Neath.

The Rev William George Barlow, Rector of Radyr, is also to be Rural Dean of Llandaff.

Retirements
Canon Mervyn Morgan Davies, Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral, Rural Dean of Llandaff and Vicar of Fairwater retired on November 2.

The Rev Robert William Aplin Jones, Rector of Colwinston with Llandow and Llysworney retired on the grounds of ill health on October 31.

Canon David Richards, Rector of Coity with Nolton and a Canon of Llandaff Cathedral, is to retire on January 31, 1996.

Anglo-Danish Society

Mr Holger Castenskiold has succeeded Sir Andrew Stark as Chairman of the Anglo-Danish Society. Sir Andrew has been elected honorary president. Mr Peter Unwin is the vice-chairman.

Retirement

Judge Cohen, QC, has retired from the South Eastern Circuit bench.

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Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, unless you turn round and become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 18 : 3 (REB)

BIRTHS

ANDREWS - On November 2nd 1995 at Warwick Hospital, to Sally (née Post) and Herbert, a son, Edward John, a brother for Matthew and William.

BARAKAT - On October 30th at Wellington Hospital, to Farid and Myrna, a daughter, Monica, a sister to William and Christina.

BLACK - Madelaine and Robert Black are delighted to announce the birth of another son - November 5th - Wellington Hospital.

BOSCAWEN - On November 2nd, to Clare Victoria and David Simon, a daughter, Megan Victoria.

BRIND - On November 2nd, to Lisa (née Bocking) and Jamie, a daughter, Thomasin Kate Eleanor St John.

CAPERTON - At The Wellington Hospital Alexander James Guthrie was born on 2nd November.

COPELAND - On November 3rd 1995, at Bristol, to Jennifer (née Hodgson) and William, a daughter, Alice Venetia.

D'ALOISIO-MONTILLA - On 1st November, to Diana and Lou, a beautiful son, Nicholas, 7lbs 7oz.

DONOHOE - On October 31st 1995, at The Portland Hospital, to Yvonne (née Rosenlew) and Vincent, a son, Zachery John-Carl.

FISHER MOLES - On November 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Debbie and Jim, a son, a brother for Jack and Mimi.

GARTON - On November 4th, to Helen (née McLuskie) and Jonathan, a daughter, Charlotte Mary.

GOLDSMITH - On 19th October, to Claire and James, a daughter, Naomi Emma Elizabeth, a sister for Tom and Alice.

GREENBURY - On November 2nd, to Jonathan and Julia (née Walters-Rees), a son, Jesse Tello Isaac, a brother for George and Harry. Another new boy at Polack's!

HOLLIDAY-SMITH - On 3rd November at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Glynis and Des, a son, Oliver.

LOCK - On November 2nd 1995 at Wellington Hospital Mr and Mrs Deron Lock announce birth of son Zachary Dawson.

MARTIN - On November First at The Portland Hospital, to Julie (née Meyer) and Ian, a son (Leo William), a brother to Charles.

PAMPEL - On November 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Elaine (née Chodosh) and Simon, a son, Joshua Adam, a brother for Jonathan.

BIRTHS

PIGNATELLI - On 1st November, to Sean and Mary-Rose, a son, Benedict Thomas, a brother for Clara.

ROYCE - On November 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Charmaine (née Killea) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, a sister for Henrietta and Elizabeth.

WYNN-JONES - On October 30th 1995, to Tania (née Waldron) and Richard, a son, Benjamin Richard.

MARRIAGES

BOWER:YANG - John to Huifen of Beijing. On Thursday 26th October 1995 at Croydon Register Office.

SWEENEY:CURZON - On Saturday 4th November 1995 at the North Surrey Register Office, Weybridge, Francis Kieran Sweeney to Jacqueline Tracey Curzon.

DEATHS

ARMITSTEAD - On 2nd November 1995, suddenly, Lt. Col. Robert Charles Henry, formerly of the K.S.L.I., aged 82, loved husband of Pam and father of Elizabeth and Edward and grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Richards Castle, near Ludlow, on Thursday November 16th at 12 noon, followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Ludlow Royal British Legion Service Committee c/o A.H. Caldicott & Sons, 11 Cross Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8EF.

BARNES - Caroline Penrose Bammel, beloved wife of Professor Ernst Bammel and beloved daughter of Margaret and Nicholas Q.L. Hammond, died on the eve of All Saints, aged 55. Funeral Service will be at 12.15 pm on Monday 13th November at the Chapel of Girton College, Cambridge. Burial will take place in Bonn.

BARKER - On 2nd November 1995 at Dartford Hospital, Plymouth, Clatide Roslfe, retired general medical practitioner, husband of Clarice and the late Ellen ('Billie'), father of Christopher and Carol. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Meavy, on Friday November 10th at 11.45 am, thence to Efford Crematorium. No letters please. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Plymouth and District Cardiology Fund may be sent to Westlake Funeral Services, 72 Victoria Road, Plymouth, PL5 1RF, tel: (01752) 362222 to whom any enquiries may be addressed.

DEATHS

BERGIN - Died suddenly at home on Thursday November 2nd 1995. Hamish Greville Sinnott. Long time Master, Clifton College Preparatory School. Much loved and sorely missed by all his family and many friends. Service Clifton College Chapel 2.45 pm Wednesday November 8th. Cremation 3.30 pm Canford. Family flowers only, donations Hamish Bergin Memorial Fund. Memorial Service to be announced. Letters c/o The Old Cliftonian Society, Clifton College, Bristol BS8.

BULMER - Doctor Eileen Mary, late of Edgbaston, Birmingham, died peacefully at The Oxford Beaumont Nursing Home on 5th November aged 95 years. Beloved wife of the late Doctor Ernest Bulmer and dear mother of Michael and his wife Sally. The funeral service will take place on Monday 13th November at 2.30 pm Oxford Crematorium. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

BURBANKE - Suddenly on 3rd November 1995, Christopher John aged 51 of Exeter. He will be sadly missed by Marion and all the family. Enquiries to Le-Roy Funeral Services, (01392) 56536.

CHAMBERLAIN - On November 2nd after a long illness Georgs Phitto aged 90, Air Vice Marshal "Peter" Chamberlain C.B., O.B.E., R.A.F., (Rtd.), beloved husband for 65 years of Peggy and father of Paul and Susan, a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St John the Evangelist Church, Stanmore on Thursday November 9th at 12.45 pm followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers or donations if desired to the RAF Benevolent Fund c/o Bradley & Jones, 7 Love Lane, Pinner, Middx., HA5 3EZ, (0181) 866-0088.

CLARKE - Barry Martin, Choreographer, dancer and actor. In hospital on November 1st aged 34. The dearly loved only son of Enid and Phillip and adored brother of Nadia. A warm loving and loyal human being who bore illness and adversity with quiet courage. His talent and imagination made life sparkle. He is sorely missed and deeply mourned by family and friends in England and Spain. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Danbury, Essex, on Tuesday November 14th at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium. Flowers or if preferred donations to Thomas Macaulay Ward Fund, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital c/o T. Pennack & Sons, 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford CM2 7DW, tel: (01245) 471157.

d'ARCY DOHERTY - On November 3rd 1995 at St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, Bedford, Dr. Mary, cherished wife and best friend of Stephen and daughter of Eileen, peacefully after a long battle against cancer, a disease she spent her professional life seeking to prevent in others. Deeply missed by parents-in-law, Gerard and Sybil, family and friends. The funeral will be held in St James' Church, Biddenham, Bedford on Thursday 9th November 1995 at 11.30am. No flowers but if desired donations to the Cancer Research Campaign.

de MARFFY-MANTUANO - On November 3rd 1995 peacefully in hospital following a short illness. Margit, Countess Teleki de Szek, widow of Thomas de Marffy-Mantuano and sister-in-law of Judith, Countess of Listowel. She was a devoted mother of Edina, Judith (decd) and Peter, mother-in-law of Annick and Patrick, loving grandmother of Stephanie, Saundrine, Verane, Frederic and Thomas and great-grandmother of Laetitia and Julie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, SW3, on Wednesday November 8th at 2.30 pm.

DENNIS - Marie-Madeleine (née Massias) on October 27th 1995. In her 92nd year peacefully at Newlands Nursing Home, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos; adored mother of Frederica and Michèle, loved and loving grandmother of Rebecca, Tamsin and Isabel, and a generous friend and mother-in-law to Stephen and John. A private funeral was held on November 6th at St Mary's Church, Chastleton.

ELMORE-JONES - Ralph on 2nd November 1995 aged 85 years.

DEATHS

GILL - On November 1st at home in Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, Katharine Margaret (Margaret) aged 87. Former Nurse. Pioneer Flyer and Wartime Aircraft Ferry Pilot. Funeral at The Church of the Wisdom of God, Lower Kingswood at 2.30 pm on Tuesday November 14th.

HENDERSON - John Stuart Wilmot on 6th November peacefully at home aged 76. Former Under Secretary Ministry of Defence and Director General Ordnance Factories. Beloved husband of Yvonne and father of family. Funeral at Gwent Crematorium, Cwmbran, on Thursday 9th November at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

HEYWOOD - Francis Melville (George) on 2nd November, peacefully, among members of his family in New Zealand. Dearly loved father of Susan, Janion, Michael and the late Simon. Donations if desired, and letters for forwarding, to The Treloar Trust, Froyle, Alton, Hants.

HICKMAN - Peacefully on November 4th, Jean Ethel (née Jeffries), most dear wife of Roland and beloved mother of Richard, Anthea, Diana and Victoria and loving grandmother of Tom, Anna, James, Jeremy and Henry. Funeral Service at St John's, Merrow, at 1 pm Thursday November 9th. Family flowers only but if desired donations please to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 28 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY, in aid of Macmillan Nurses and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

HICKMAN - On 2nd November 1995 peacefully at home, Joan (née Hankinson) aged 91 of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, much loved by all her family. Funeral Service at Cirencester Parish Church at 1.15 pm on Thursday, 9th November 1995. Family flowers only, please.

HOLNESS - Joyce (née Agnew) trusty and well-beloved wife of Peter for 55 years, by whom she will be mourned. The genuine warmth of love and affection which she gave to her friends and family will always be remembered. "The day thou gavest us, Lord, is ended." Funeral Service at 11 am on Thursday 9th November at Putney Vale Crematorium and afterwards at Roehampton Club. No flowers or telephone calls please.

HUDSON - Eileen Mary, beloved sister of Kenneth Hudson, died peacefully aged 94 on Saturday 4th November. Funeral Wednesday 15th November 12 noon at St Clement's Church, Sandwich. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

LAWRENCE - Joe on 3rd November at home, Scotland Hall. Funeral private, no flowers please.

LITCHFIELD - Winnie, 6th November, peacefully at the Derby City Hospital, wife of the late Leonard. Dearest mother of Barbara and Leon, much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at St Luke's Church, Heage, at 1.30 pm on Thursday 9th November followed by private burial. Flowers to Thomas Ryde & Son, 35 Bridge Street, Belper. Donations to Derby City Hospital, Intensive Care Unit.

LITTLECHILD - Dr. James Edgar Littlechild, PhD, BSc, BA, peacefully on 1st November. Much loved husband of Joyce, father of Sarah, Edward, John and Paul, and a beloved grandfather. Funeral on November 7th in Bromsgrove at 12 noon.

LLEWELLYN - Thomas Alexander Wallace on Thursday November 2nd 1995. Following a short illness borne with exemplary courage. Sandy, aged 64 years. Elder son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Llewellyn, beloved brother of Prue and Peter and a devoted and much loved uncle, great-uncle and Godfather. Funeral Mass at St Paul's Walden, Friday November 10th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Geo. W. Blow & Sons 01438-714686. - May he rest in peace.

LLOYD-PHILLIPS - Rosalind Jane, adored wife of Hugh, mother of Clare, Edward and Julian, beloved daughter-in-law of Faith, died peacefully in Sydney, NSW, on November 5th after a courageous fight against cancer.

MILES - Joyce Marjorie on November 5th aged 92 peacefully in her sleep at home. Much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Funeral on November 9th at 11 am at St Nicholas Church, Godstone. Please no flowers or letters but donations if wished to R.N.L.I.

NEALE - Guy Christopher, On 3rd November, peacefully, in Denia, Spain, dear brother of Tony and uncle of Gordon and Michael. Funeral will take place in Spain.

OLDRIDGE - Group Captain Leslie Frederick Oldridge O.B.E. on Sunday November 6th peacefully aged 93 of Charlton, SE7. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium on Monday 13th November 2.45 pm. Floral tributes to Francis Chappell, 39 Woolwich Road, SE10 0RA.

PARRY - John Vincent Lewis on Saturday 4th November 1995 aged 72 years, formerly of N.P.L., A.E.A. and U.R.E.N.C.O. Beloved and loving husband of Ruth, dear father of Dawn, Kevin and Huw, grandfather of Clair, Mark, Lucy and Matthew. Funeral Service will take place at Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley, West Yorks., on Friday November 10th at 1pm, followed by interment at Ilkley Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o H. Eaton & Sons, Ashlands Chapel of Rest, Ashlands Road, Ilkley, LS29 8JT or on plate provided at the church.

POLHILL - Nora Margaret (née Dixon), aged 80 years, peacefully on Sunday November 5th 1995 at home after a long illness. Much loved wife of Anthony Nathaniel Polhill, beloved by all who knew her. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Church End, Renhold, Bedford, at 3 pm on Friday November 10th. Donations in her memory to The Friends of Bedford Hospital. Flowers and enquiries to Clarabut & Plumbe, Funeral Directors, (01234) 354547.

POWELL - Arthur Barrington (Barry) CMG, on November 4th aged 77. Beloved husband of Jane, much loved father of Jonathan, Rhiannon, Nicholas, David and Minnow, dear grandfather of his 12 grandchildren. Funeral Service at 10.30 am on Friday November 10th at St Tewdric's Church, Mathern. Flowers or donations for St David's Foundation may be sent to Philip Blatchly & Son, 5 Station Road, Chepstow. tel: Chepstow 624939.

ROLLS - Ralph Gerald, on 4th November in hospital in Winchester after a short illness, in his 94th year. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, loved and respected by all who knew him. Funeral at St Bartholomew's, Eggdean, near Petworth, West Sussex at 12 noon, Friday 10th November. Family flowers only; donations to Friends of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, and enquiries to Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester. Telephone: (01962) 844044.

RUDDOCK - Richard Addison (Dick) aged 84 on 4th November peacefully after a long illness bravely and patiently borne. Beloved husband of Joan, dear father of Patricia and Anne, a loving grandpa to his six grandchildren and great-grandson. Will be sadly missed by his relatives and friends. Service at St Oswald's Church, Green Lane, Norbury, on 13th November at 11.30am, cremation Croydon at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H 0RA.

SEED - On October 30th peacefully at home, Lt. Commander (P) Peter William Seed, R.A.N. (RTD)., aged 71, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Mary, much adored father of Michael and Caroline and much loved grandfather of Christina and Patrick. Funeral Service at St James Church, Aston Abbots, Tuesday 7th November at 11am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I.

SHARP - Peacefully following a short illness, Timothy John, beloved younger son of Peter and Anne and brother of Colin Peter. Funeral Service on Friday 10th November 10.30 am at Guildford Crematorium. All enquiries to G.M. Luff & Partners, tel: (01428) 643824.

STEELE - On 5th November 1995 at home in Whitehorse, Yukon, Sarah (née Fleming) aged 55, wife of Dr. Peter Steele, mother of Adam, Judith and Lucy and grandmother of Tim.

STREET - On November 4th, peacefully in hospital in Winchester, Sylvia, aged 92. Much loved mother of Anna and Christopher, and a loving mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium on Tuesday November 14th at 2 pm (East Chapel). Flowers to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

THORBURN - On 3rd November 1995, Captain Douglas Thorburn C.B.E., V.R.D., D.L., RNR (ret'd), husband of the late Elizabeth and father of Martyn, Guy and Vivien. Private funeral on Thursday 9th November. Memorial Service on Monday 4th December at 12 noon in St Mary's Church, Morpeth. Donations in lieu of flowers to King George's Fund for Sailors or R.N.L.I.

TOMKINS - Professor F.R.S., Frederick Clifford, died November 5th 1995, formerly of 9 St Helen's Close, Southsea and of The Imperial College, South Kensington. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 13th November, Portchester Crematorium, Upper Cornaway Lane, Portchester, 1.30 pm. All enquiries to the Co-operative Funeral Directors, Portsmouth. (01705) 863051.

WALKER - On November 3rd 1995, after a short illness borne with great courage, John Charles Courtney, Lately Director of Music at Eastbourne College. Very dear brother of Jenny and Liz. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday November 9th at 11.30 am. Memorial Service at Eastbourne College on Thursday November 16th at 6 pm. Requiescat in Pace.

WELLS - On 4th November 1995, peacefully, Mary Elinor (of Bognor Regis) aged 99 years. Funeral Service at South Bersted Parish Church on Friday 10th November at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the "British and Foreign Bible Society" may be sent c/o Reynolds Funeral Service, 51 High Street, Bognor Regis, PO21 1RR, tel: (01243) 864746.

WILDISH - On November 1st, peacefully, at Salisbury Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Victor O.F. Wildish, M.C., (ret'd) Royal Artillery, formerly of the 1st 10th Baluch Regiment. Dearly beloved husband of Audrey and loved and loving father of Christine and grandfather of James and Kate, stepfather of Martin and step grandfather of Emma and Adam. Funeral at St Margaret's Church, Chilmark at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 9th November. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses. Enquiries, I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, 01722 413136.

WILSON - Bernard Ronald William, beloved husband of Faith, on 1st November at home. Funeral at All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay, on 22nd November at 3 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to The Royal British Legion.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COX - A Service in memory of Vivien Cox will be held in St Peter's Church, Ugley, at 2.45 pm on Monday 27th November.

MOOR - A Memorial Service for the late Oswald Moor will be held at St Mark's Church, Regents Park Road, London, on Friday November 24th at 12 noon.

WALKER - There will be a Memorial Evensong sung by the Chapel Choir to celebrate the life of John Walker, Director of Music at Eastbourne College 1965-1991, on Thursday 16th November at 6 pm in Eastbourne College Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CUMBER - Fredrick 1910-1976. There are two links that death cannot sever Love and remembrance live forever. Stella.

JESSEL - Sarah Katherine, born 6 November 1970, died 7 November 1976 after a motorway accident, aged 5 years. Dearly loved always.

BIRTHDAYS

BURDY Happy 12th Birthday Sarah, with love from the family.

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OBITUARIES

PAUL EDDINGTON

Paul Eddington, CBE, actor, died on November 4 aged 68. He was born in London on June 18, 1927.

PAUL EDDINGTON starred in two of the BBC's finest situation comedies: *Yes, Minister* (later renamed *Yes, Prime Minister*), which ran throughout the 1980s, and *The Good Life* (1975-79).

Yes, Minister, in particular, established Eddington as one of the country's leading comic actors. The show's success was due in part to the excellent scripts, and to the parallels between the plot-lines of certain episodes and current political events. It gave the general public, for the first time, a sense of the labyrinthine routes by which decisions in Whitehall and Downing Street are reached. But the acting, across the board, was also excellent, with Eddington playing Jim Hacker, the well-meaning Minister of Administrative Affairs (later the Prime Minister), and Nigel Hawthorne the polite but determined Permanent Secretary, Sir Humphrey Appleby. Together they formed the Bertie Wooster and Jeeves of the political world.

Yes, Minister was most admired by those whom it mocked: MPs, ministers and Whitehall mandarins, and it raised Eddington to an unusually elevated position for an actor. For instance, he was one of the few non-politicians to be asked to address the lobby correspondents at Westminster, and abroad, in the fifty countries in which the series was screened, there was confusion as to what Eddington actually did. The red carpet was rolled out for him more than once by accident. In Norway he had breakfast with the Prime Minister and in Australia he found himself, without warning, asked to address a general election rally.

Eddington was in real life a thoughtful and self-assured man, with none of Hacker's dithering qualities. But he was not a particularly ambitious actor, and his career took off only in middle age. This was not because he was a bad actor in his youth. He had won consistently high praise for his theatre work, both comic and serious, since his early twenties. But he lacked the ambition to push himself forward, and he had to wait until luck took a hand and thrust him into the limelight before he received proper recognition.

Paul Clark-Eddington had an unsettled childhood in the then louche district of St John's Wood. His father was a Quaker, and related to the famous Quaker family of Somerset shoemakers. He returned from fighting in the trenches in the First World War with serious emotional problems, and became an addictive gambler as a result. On several occasions, the family furniture had to be sold in order to pay his gambling debts.

Paul's mother was Roman Catholic but had a radical, questioning approach to politics and religion; she surrounded herself with artists and other liberated thinkers. She abhorred the stance that the Pope had taken over the Spanish Civil War, and she was gradually drawn to Quakerism herself. Initially she brought up her son as a Roman Catholic but later, when her marriage was over, she sent him to board at the Friends' School at Sibford Ferris, Oxfordshire. Eddington enjoyed the very strange sensation of being part of a pacifist institution when the rest of the country was at war.

The school was not especially academic and any possibility of further education was further thwarted by the precarious family finances. Eddington left school at 17 with little idea of what he wanted to do, except that it must be "artistic". At the same time he needed to earn a living. His solution was to become a window-dresser at a department store in Birmingham.

It was there that he learnt that one of his former classmates, a girl with whom he had acted at school, had been accepted at RADA. Encouraged by her success, he joined an amateur theatrical group, and then tried for Ensa. Male leads were in short supply after the outbreak of war, and Eddington was snapped up. However, he had by this time registered as a conscientious objector and, after a season at Colchester, this fact came to light and led to his dismissal from Ensa.

After the war he was taken on by the Birmingham Repertory Company which, under the wing of Sir Barry Jackson, was then reckoned to be the best in the country. He moved on to other repertory companies, including Sheffield, where he met his wife Patricia Scott, also an actress, in the wings one night. In 1951 he joined RADA for a year and then returned to the provinces, playing in Shakespeare, Shaw and Coward. He made his West End debut in 1961, as the Rabbi in *The Tenth Man* at the Comedy Theatre. His first television work was in a children's series, *Robin Hood*, in the late 1950s.

The big break, though, was still as elusive as ever and, now with a growing family to support, Eddington was becoming increasingly disheartened. At one point he considered accepting a job as a salesman in an oil company. But he persevered and, although still regarded by directors as a supporting actor, he appeared in some first-class productions.

In 1962 he took over as the lead of the Bristol Old Vic company, and played Prince Andrei in *War and Peace*. In 1968



Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker in *Yes, Prime Minister*, 1986

he could be seen at the Apollo in Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On*, playing the young housemaster Franklin to Sir John Gielgud's headmaster. From Gielgud, Eddington learnt the importance of not fidgeting on stage, speaking clearly, and simply trying to deliver the author's message as perfectly as possible.

In 1974 he took over as Ronald in *Absurd Person Singular* at the Criterion opposite Richard Briers. It was one of the first Alan Ayckbourn plays to hit the West End, and it was just the sort of work at which Eddington excelled — a tight ensemble comedy. John Howard Davies, then head of BBC comedy, was looking to cast a new television series occupying the same sort of suburban territory as Ayckbourn. In the autumn of 1975 he saw the production and immediately signed up Briers and Eddington, as well as Felicity Kendal and Penelope Keith who were playing in the Ayckbourn trilogy *The Norman Conquests* at the Globe.

The Good Life took for its subject the trials of the alternative-lifestyle Goods (Kendal and Briers). The cast assembled for its first meeting in a garage in suburban Northwood, on a freezing winter's morning just before dawn: "The lady of the house was unwilling, understandably enough, to allow actors into the house," Eddington recalled. The woman's garden, however, proved perfect for the Goods' allotment, and the lawn had already been ploughed up and planted with plastic vegetables. From such unpromising beginnings and, after an indifferent pilot, *The Good Life* quickly found its feet. Anticipating as it did a growing public awareness of environmental issues, the show became one of the BBC's strongest audience-pullers, and remained so for the next four years.

Although the Goods' efforts to wrest a living from the land took centre stage, it was their next-door neighbours, the Leadbetters (Eddington and Penelope Keith), who really won the public's affection, and some said stole the show. They were a curiously mismatched couple — Margo Leadbetter, a parody of surburban snobbishness, and Jerry, her mild, golf-playing husband. The fact that Eddington managed to hold his own so well in their scenes together was a tribute to his understated comic skills. He was given few of the punchlines, and often had little to do but express dismay with a shrug or a raised eyebrow. But no viewer who saw Margo, in a mood of largesse, offer to buy a round of drinks and then turn to her husband with an imperious "Money, Jerry" will forget how funny Eddington could be.

After four years Davies felt the show had run out of steam, and offered to find new vehicles for the actors. *Yes, Minister* was chosen for Eddington, who was initially sceptical about the mass appeal of a programme which took the Civil Service as a subject. He also rather hoped to be given the civil servant part, which was instead offered to Nigel Hawthorne. As he pointed out, Sir Humphrey Appleby always had the last word at the end of every episode — "Yes, Minister". In the event, the writers persuaded him that he was perfect for Hacker, who, unlike Appleby, is allowed to develop into a three-dimensional character.

Launched in 1980, *Yes, Minister* became even more of a success, as far as viewing figures went, than *The Good Life*, and won CBEs for both Eddington and Hawthorne in 1987. Despite approaches from No 10, Eddington refused to pose for publicity shots with Margaret Thatcher, who claimed to be a fan: "To put it bluntly, she needs us more than we need her." *Yes, Prime Minister*, as the series had been rechristened after Hacker's promotion to the highest office in 1986, finally ended in 1990.

Eddington had not abandoned the stage during this extraordinary run of small screen success. And, apart from projects such as the BBC's *The Camomile Lawn* (1992), it was the theatre which claimed most of his last five years. He never saw the need to retire, and expressed regrets over parts that had passed him by. He felt, rightly, that he would have made a good John Worthing in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Among the highlights of his later stage career was his performance as the theatre director in Michael Frayn's *Noises Off* at the Savoy; and as the headmaster (the role originally taken by Gielgud) in the Chichester Festival Theatre's revival of Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On* (1984). In the early 1980s, there was also *Illuminations*, Peter Jenkins's play about the Labour Party, produced at the Lyric, Hammersmith, in which — in a foretaste of things to come — he played a character clearly based on Tony Crosland.

Eddington starred in an acclaimed revival of Tom Stoppard's *Jumpers* at the Aldwych (1985) and played Sir Joseph Porter in *HMS Pinafore*, which toured Australia in 1987. In 1991 he played Orgon in Ranjit Bolt's new translation of Molière's *Tartuffe* at the Playhouse Theatre. For his performance in 1993, opposite Harold Pinter in Pinter's *No Man's Land* at the Almeida, he received the best actor award at the London Theatre Awards. This, together with *Home* at Wyndhams in 1994, was again just the sort of small ensemble work in which Eddington excelled.

By the early 1990s, however, it was becoming increasingly clear that Eddington was not well. During the *HMS Pinafore* tour he had suffered from congestive heart failure. But it was his skin which was causing him most concern. He had first noticed red patches on his body many years before, but doctors were not clear as to their cause. Eddington did not realise that he had a form of skin cancer — mycosis fungoides — until the mid-1980s. He determined, at first, to keep working for as long as possible, and to say nothing to the press. But eventually he was hounded by tabloid journalists into making a statement.

Buoyed up by his family and his Quaker faith, and having installed a bed in his dressing room on which to rest, he continued with a punishing West End schedule, while sometimes undergoing daily radiotherapy. After he had lost his hair, he felt self-conscious about appearing on stage without some sort of head covering, and had decided to wear a straw hat throughout his performance in *Home*. But he was eventually persuaded by the writer David Storey to appear without it.

Similarly, he had accepted that his television career was probably over because of the embarrassment of being seen in close-up, and was therefore delighted to be invited earlier this year by *John Caird to play Justice Shallow in his* BBC Television adaptation of *King Henry IV*, which was transmitted ten days ago. His final appearance on television came, however, only last week when he was the interview guest on Jeremy Isaacs's *Face to Face*. He was to be heard yesterday for the last time in Christopher Lee's historical series *This Sceptr'd Isle* on BBC Radio 4. He had also published his memoirs — a cut above the normal showbusiness biography — *So Far, So Good* only a fortnight ago.

Despite attempts to keep Hacker's party allegiance obscure in *Yes, Minister*, the only party Eddington ever joined was Labour. He was at one time a member of CND but his biggest commitment in later years was as chairman of the International Committee for Artists' Freedom which raised money for dissident theatre groups. He later took up the unpopular cause of campaigning for women to be allowed into his beloved Garrick.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, and by three sons and one daughter.

PROFESSOR ERNEST GELLNER

Ernest Gellner, Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge, 1984-93, died from a heart attack at Prague airport on November 5 aged 69. He was born on December 9, 1925.

WITH torrential intellectual energy, Ernest Gellner challenged the prevailing academic orthodoxies of his day. Epistemologies, he argued, needed to be redevised, adapted to the modern socio-historical context of mass culture and an industrial age. Although known primarily as a philosopher, Gellner had a vertiginous perspective on life. He expanded his interests into the fields of anthropology and social and political theory, exposing with a dazzling and at times controversial lucidity the patterns by which modern society has been shaped.

As an atheist, Gellner identified strongly with Max Weber's "disenchanted man" who refused to glamorise a greyly-urban and media-centred world. He deplored types of thought in which an obsession with words slammed the door on more abstract modes of reflection, and acknowledged as his hero Karl Popper who regarded knowing to be an individual, unpredictable act of genius, neither acquired by induction, nor limited to verifiable statements.

Gellner first provoked academic attention as the author of *Words and Things*, a classic attack on Oxford linguistic philosophy, published in 1959. Linguistic philosophy, he argued, constituted a retreat from the philosopher's historic role of asking, and hence closed the mind to more abstract modes of knowledge. Bertrand Russell wrote a foreword to this book, but Gilbert Ryle, one of the leading Oxford philosophers of the time, refused to review it and an acrimonious debate subsequently ensued in the letters columns of *The Times*.

In the course of his career Gellner went on to write and edit more than twenty books. His intellectual spectrum ranged from studies on kinship, nationalism, civil society and Islam, to the development of Russian anthropology, Central European intellectual life, and the religious beliefs prevalent in the Atlas Mountains. A genial, quirky though erudite man, he was more than once heard to apologise to his friends: "I'm sorry, I've written another book — I just can't help it."

Ernest André Gellner was born in Paris, the son of a Jewish lawyer from Czechoslovakia. When his parents moved back to Prague he began his education at the Prague English Grammar School, but with the rise of Nazism the family moved again, this time to England, and Gellner's secondary education was completed at St Alban's County Grammar School. After a year serving as a private in the Czech Armoured Brigade in northern France, Gellner went up to Balliol College, Oxford, where he took a first in PPE in 1949.

His first job was as a junior lecturer at the LSE, where he was to remain for 35 years, becoming Professor of Philosophy in 1962, and remaining in the post until 1984. It was here that his philosophical interests broadened into the field of anthropology and he completed a PhD on the Berbers, the aboriginal people of Northern Africa who were later to play an important role in driving the French from Algeria.



His controversial first publication *Words and Things* (1959) established his name in academic spheres. The belief espoused in this book, that philosophy should have something to say about the world, was developed in his subsequent works, tackling theories of modern society. Among the most important of his earlier works were *Saints of the Atlas* (1969) in which he sought to extrapolate "a general theory of how Islam functions". *Contemporary Thought in Politics* (1974) which investigated interconnecting relationships between democracy and industrialisation, and *The Devil in Modern Philosophy* (1974), a reflection on the links between philosophy and contemporary life.

Yet, despite his prolific output, Gellner remained an attentive teacher. Students saw him as one of the few academics prepared to enter into a dialogue; once he stayed overnight in the college library during a sleep-in, in order to carry on a debate over their grievances.

In 1981 he published *Muslim Society*, broadening his interest in North Africa out into the Middle East, and in 1982 he took a post as visiting scholar at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Tel Aviv.

One of his most important books, *Nations and Nationalism* in which nationalism was viewed as a pattern of exceptions to a model where states pursuing economic growth manipulated a unified culture through the media and educational agencies, was published in 1983.

In 1984 Gellner was made William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge, but his writing was not curtailed and he published *The Psychoanalytical Movement*, an attack on Freudianism, the next year.

State and Society (1988) preceded a year spent as a guest at the Moscow Academy of Sciences, and in the same year he also published *Plough, Sword and Book*, a meta-historical study of changing societies which evoked shades of Marx, a thinker whom Gellner respected but strongly rejected.

In the early 1990s Gellner's Eastern European interests developed with his growing involvement with the Central European University in his native Prague. Here he played a crucial role in setting high standards of university education in post-communist years.

In 1993 he retired from his professorship but not from spheres of academic debate. A heated wrangle in the pages of the *TLS* between Gellner and the Arab-American orientalist, Edward Said, New York's most famous pro-Palestinian writer, brought broad press coverage again.

But Gellner was no stranger to controversy and he was a formidable opponent in any debate. On a BBC *Late Show* in 1994, while debate over Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* was at its most heated, Gellner argued convincingly against other eminent participants that one society could not be judged by the yardstick of another. To the end of his life he remained impervious to the winds of fashion, and would follow ideas wherever they led.

Ernest Gellner is survived by his wife Susan, whom he married in Gibraltar in 1954, and by their two sons and a daughter.

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James Clerk-Maxwell, who died in his forties, has been ranked with Isaac Newton for the fundamental nature of his contributions to science. He was the first Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge.

OBITUARY.

The Professorial Staff at Cambridge has sustained a great loss by the premature death of Mr James Clerk-Maxwell, M.A., F.R.S which occurred yesterday at his residence, Scroope-terrace, Cambridge. For some weeks the Professor has been lying in a very dangerous state, and despite the most assiduous attention on the part of Professors Paget and Humphry, his malady proved incurable. Although it was at one time expected that he might recover, yet during the past week he has been gradually sinking, and expired yesterday at the comparatively early age of 48. Professor Maxwell was a native of Edinburgh and, after being educated in that city, entered as an undergraduate of Trinity College in 1850. He was elected a scholar of the college, and graduated B.A. in 1854 as second Wrangler. In the contest for the Smith's prizes, he was declared equal in merit with Mr. E.J. Routh, the Senior Wrangler of that year. In October, 1855, he was elected to a Fellowship at Trinity, and in the following year was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy at Marischal College, Aberdeen. Four years later he was elected Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy at King's College, London, which later appointment he held until he was chosen Professor of Experiemntal Physics at this university. Mr. Maxwell's attainments as a mathematician secured him election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, and among the Philosophical Transactions of the Society are to be found a large number of valuable papers contributed by him. The late Professor was also a frequent contributor to the "Cambridge and Dublin Mathematical Journal," while among the Transactions of the London Mathematical Society and the Cambridge Philosophical Society he constantly appears as the author of papers on mathematical and physical subjects. His reputation as an original investigator is acknowledged in the scientific world. The chief work from his active pen is a "Treatise on Electricity," which was published in 1873 in two volumes. His hand-book on "The Theory of Heat" has passed through four editions. Among the University distinctions gained by the late Professor were the Adams prize in 1857, for an original essay on a subject of pure mathematics, while in 1870 he was awarded the Hopkins prize, given for original research. Upon the revision of the regulations for the Mathematical Tripos in 1868, the subjects of heat, electricity, and magnetism were introduced, and it became necessary to provide for the teaching of these subjects. Accordingly, by a grace of the Senate of February 9, 1871, it was resolved to establish a Professorship for Experimental Physics, the Professor's principal duty being defined to be to teach and illustrate the laws of heat, electricity, and magnetism, to apply himself to the advancement of the knowledge of such subjects, and to promote their study in the University. To this new professorship Mr. Maxwell was unanimously elected, and on the 25th of October 1871, he delivered his inaugural lecture. For the last eight years Professor Maxwell has laboured assiduously, both in term and vacation, to carry out the objects of the professorship and has succeeded in attracting an unusual number of earnest students, many of whom have highly distinguished themselves in the Mathematical Tripos. The Chancellor of the University has taken a great interest in Professor Maxwell's work and it was through the Duke of Devonshire's munificence that the magnificent Cavendish Laboratory, over which Professor Maxwell presided, was erected and supplied with necessary appliances. So important was the study of physical science considered that in 1874 a demonstrator was elected to assist Professor Maxwell.

Manager of the month accesses the Internet to keep abreast of Premiership news

Surfing the Net to ride the crest of a wave



Gary McAllister, of Leeds United, is one of English football's outstanding midfield players and plays a pivotal role in Adam's Sneekers

You don't have to spend a lifetime in the dugout to acquire the winning touch in Interactive Team Football (ITF). Mark Sladden, the latest winner of the £500 prize for manager of the month, gained an impressive 90 points in October, thanks largely to his use of the latest computerised communication methods. He accessed the Internet — the Information Super Highway — as the road to ITF riches.

Success in the ITF is not bad going for a man who has never supported a club, has never been to a professional game and, until the beginning of the season, could name only a handful of players. Last year he dabbled in fantasy football, getting involved in the internal league at work. "It was only through hearing friends at work talking about it that I started, but now I'm in the ITF I follow it religiously every week," he said.

But, in the ITF, Mr Sladden is learning fast to keep tabs on every player at every club. He uses the Internet to pick up the gen on who has been booked, who is injured and who is likely to be playing in each fixture. "I was going to drop Julian Dicks on Friday because I thought his ban was due to start on Saturday, but then I saw he was available to play until November 6 so he stayed in and will be dropped this week instead," he said.

Friday's transfers earned a few more points when Mr Sladden dropped Alex Ferguson in favour of Kevin Keegan and brought in Mike Newell for Paul Scholes. "I didn't think Scholes would score against Arsenal so he had to go, but he will be back again this week," he said.

No player is guaranteed a season-long run with Mr Sladden's squad, although David Seaman looks the likeliest contender. He decided from the start that a strong defence was the most profitable investment and although Dicks is on his way out for the moment, Cox, Wright and Adams have all been good points-winners.

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In midfield, Jamie Redknapp has replaced White and lines up alongside McAllister, Ginola and Hignett. Only the strikers have been a cause for concern. For the first eight weeks Mr Sladden stuck with Marco Boogers, who actually managed to lose him three points. Scholes comes back in for Newell and will join Danny Dichio up front.

Mr Sladden, a computer systems manager from Maidenhead, is impressed with the speed with which his transfers are registered in the ITF. His winning team, Adam's Sneekers, is one of three he entered.

"When I started I just wanted to make it into the top 250 — being manager of the month is a huge bonus," he said.

Mr Sladden's team, Adam's Sneekers, comprises: David Seaman (Arsenal); Julian Dicks (West Ham United); Neil Cox (Middlesbrough); Mark Wright (Liverpool); Tony Adams (Arsenal); Gary McAllister (Leeds United); Jamie Redknapp (Liverpool); David Ginola (Newcastle United); Craig Hignett (Middlesbrough); Paul Scholes (Manchester United); Danny Dichio (Queens Park Rangers). The manager is Alex Ferguson, of Manchester United.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week. Which player you want to offload and who you replace him with is up to you, although you must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget.

The ITF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership, or to select any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership.

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If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count. And your players and manager win *and* lose you points. With Kevins Kickers continuing to set the pace, is it time for you to delve into the transfer market?

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THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

Code	Player	IN Club	Value
41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	£5.0
50805	Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	£2.0

OUT

There are no transfers out of the ITF game this week

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All FA Carling Premiership and FA Cup matches in the 1995-6 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts

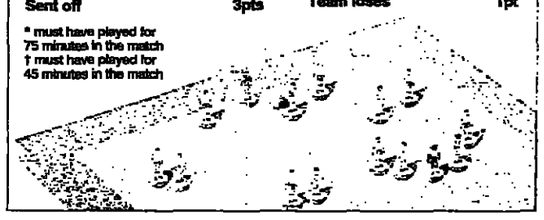
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
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The line is open from 6am on Tuesday until 11am on Saturday; from 6pm on Saturday to 11am on Sunday and from 6pm on Sunday until 3pm on Monday. If there are midweek matches, the lines will also close at 3pm on the day of the match (or matches) and re-open the following day at 6am.

You may make up to (but no more than) two transfers a week. Each transfer is a separate transaction and you must sell a player before you can buy one.

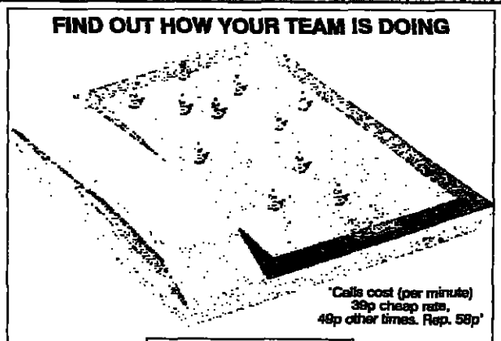
A player transferred out of your team must be replaced by a player from the same category - for example a full back for a full back.

When purchasing a player you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget (even if your next transfer would rectify any overspending) and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

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THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	252
2	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	233
3	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	232
4	Loxton's Longshots	(C Loxton)	231
4	Jones Boys Six	(M Jones)	231
6	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadison)	230
7	Phychic TV	(T Vardy)	229
7	Al's Alsorans	(A Hancock)	229
7	Teddy Five	(Mr B Bear)	229
10	Twighlight United	(P Dilworth)	228
10	The Subjugators	(M Ayres)	228
10	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	228
10	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	228
14	Steves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	226
14	Rosedale Rangers	(Mr D Green)	226
16	Tommy Cockles XI	(Mr P Johnson)	225
16	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	225
16	Gohils Gods 65	(Mr B Gohil)	225
19	Mean Machine	(Ramesh Patel)	223
19	The Young Guns	(B Shepherd)	223
19	The Premier Raiders 1	(Miss C Elia)	223
22	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	222
22	Harrington Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	222
22	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	222
25	Bunwell United	(R Banham)	221
25	Tyes Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	221
27	Gary Pearce	(G D Pearce)	220
27	Steves Lions 7	(S Brewer)	220
27	Transporter	(A Jenkinson)	220
27	Watling Warriors	(P Shanks)	220
27	Gary's Heroes	(–)	220
27	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	220
27	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	220
34	Long Live The Queen	(L Wilson)	218
34	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	218
34	Power House	(A Jassa)	218
37	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	217
37	Incetta	(B Daly)	217
37	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	217
37	Wolves Of Fenric	(S Adamson)	217
37	No Defence Ok	(J Portwood)	217
37	Phayco And Smither	(K Booth)	217
43	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	216
44	Waters Wanderers	(Waters Wanderers)	215
44	Otme	(R Matthewson)	215
44	M I Blues	(P Harden)	215
44	Robbo's Army	(P Callaghan)	215
44	They're Here	(Mr P Johnson)	215
44	Beckys Babes	(D Ready)	215
50	Walsharmy AFC	(Mr D Walsh)	214
50	The UK Beavers	(J Elkins)	214
50	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	214
50	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	214
54	Mac United	(T Mccluskey)	213
54	Edprops United	(R Edmondson)	213
54	Dreamer Fithp	(Mr G Wesson)	213
54	Oh There It Is !	(P Jones)	213
54	Wetldon Wanderers FC	(S Lee)	213
54	Newcastle Browns 2	(B MacLennan)	213
60	Partisans	(E Donald)	212
60	Kbt Utd	(R Patterson)	212
60	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	212
60	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	212
64	Scud 4	(P Hymas)	211
64	Fudgels Foulers	(I Abu Hejleh)	211
64	Severn Legal	(M Moore)	211
64	Malcolm Hair XI	(C Wilcox)	211
64	Barnet FC	(Mr P Johnson)	211
64	Bora In Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	211
64	Bazs Bruisers	(Mr B Harwood)	211
64	Waltley Wanderers	(S Whatley)	211
64	Nirvana FC	(Mr J Donovan)	211
73	Richles Rovers	(R Lovell)	210
73	The Otters	(O Millar)	210
73	Henry Hilda	(Mr T Thompson)	210
73	Brown Montego	(H Davies)	210
73	Champions 1995-96	(S McGill)	210
78	Netbusters	(C B Mitchell)	209
78	Jaynes Jugs	(K Hughes)	209
78	The Conjurers	(Mr D Farmar)	209
78	Dicks Delight	(Mrs G Jennison)	209
78	Adams' Sneekers	(M Sladden)	209
78	My Cat Bailey	(Mr P Johnson)	209
78	Dicks Dudes	(R Milson)	209
78	Twinkletoes Two	(J Brown)	209
86	MGM	(M Morgan)	208
86	Allstars	(Mr W Daviswarth)	208
86	Buxted Broncos	(C Wadland)	208
86	Sharon's Buds	(Mr D Conroy)	208
86	Brooksborough	(G Brooks)	208
86	Bohinen Forest	(S Bunn)	208
86	Rassell 1	(D Shuter)	208
86	Woodford Rangers	(J Hawkes)	208
86	Sunlight	(D Akhtar)	208
86	Forman's Finest	(A Forman)	208
96	Norfolk N Good	(A Graver)	207
96		(E Scott)	207
96	Grove Rovers	(T Townsend)	207
96	L	(L Brown)	207
96	Donnas Doughnots	(D Burt)	207
96	View Forth	(Mr J Taylor)	207
96	Goatee Softbeard	(C Armitage)	207
96	S M Balance 5	(S Mulligan)	207
96	Real Atheletic	(Mrs G Keynes)	207
96	Here We Go	(Mr S Smith)	207
96	Diasen Dynamo	(R Hawkes)	207
107	Alan Sugars Huge Ego	(N Emmerson)	206
107	Armarch	(A Matthewson)	206
107	Ringlen Flyers	(E Ronald)	206
107	Silktown Rovers	(S Cowan)	206
107	Kims Kickers	(G Sutton)	206
107	Taylor Cockrels	(J Taylor)	206
107	Wallace Wanderers	(M Haugh)	206
107	Chipmonks	(Mrs S Hancock)	206
107	Partizan Beograd I	(Mr D Stojkovic)	206
107	The Cutting Edge	(Mr A Weston)	206
107	Wheres Botham	(Mr P Johnson)	206
107	Jones Boys Four	(L Jones)	206
107	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr P Johnson)	206
107	The Talent	(S Cole)	206
107	Oh Nicky Evans	(Mr P Johnson)	206
107	Cara's Hotshots	(C Carmese)	206
123	No Fear Utd	(G Saunders)	205
123	Rovers FC	(D Summerhill)	205
123	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	205
123	The French Do	(C E Youds)	205
123	Nanou	(G Bahdjelian)	205
123	Inter Red Dragon	(D Williams)	205
123	Good Work Fellas	(J Cook)	205
123	The Black Knights	(R Green)	205
123	Not Got A Chance	(M Clark)	205
123	Abyssinians	(Mr A Tyreman)	205
123	Millers Reserves	(Mr I Davies)	205
123	Synthetic Dozen	(Mr J Donaldson)	205
123	FC Wombles	(A Williams)	205
123	Len's Utd	(N Laine)	205
123	Tiggers Two	(L Lindstrom)	205
138	Doogs	(R Booth)	204
138	Lastoanvil City	(P Harris)	204
138		(P Hanna)	204
138	Steves Lions 6	(S Brewer)	204
138	A Team	(A James)	204
138	Betley Reserves	(Mr M Wasik)	204
138	Dirty Boogers	(G Fallowfield)	204
138	Jims XI	(J Hayes)	204
138	Why Danny Dichio	(R James)	204
138	Chach Association	(A Bahadur)	204
138	ADB Sign Shearer	(Mr P Johnson)	204
138	Broken Arrow	(P Purdy)	204
138	Sporting Siders	(K Doughty)	204
138	AC Dundee	(F McDonald)	204
152	Real Hampton	(K Ganesh)	203
152	Wilbos Villains	(P G Willetts)	203
152	C	(M Corless)	203
152	Fantasy FC	(D Venn)	203
152	M S Allstars	(M Stayman)	203
152	Golden Boots	(A Marshall)	203
152	We're Not Boring	(W Gadd)	203
152	The Hair Bear Bunch	(V Mason)	203
152	Mighty Men 1	(C Marshall)	203
152	Outsiders	(C Mil-Homens)	203
152	Crofton Rangers	(G Moss)	203
152	Home Park Heroes	(Mrs J MacKenzie)	203
152	Jacobookie FC	(Mr A Jacobucci)	203
152	Triple Peelers	(J Portwood)	203
152	Team Pullesto	(S Anderson)	203
152	Castle St Boot Boys	(J Mc Curley)	203
152	Robbie's Rovers	(R Dick)	203
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152	Willy's Wonderers	(J Merrett)	203
152	Lucks Rovers 3	(N Bruter)	203
152	Yip Man Rovers	(M Garner)	203
174	Anti-Saints	(J Lowson)	202
174	Good Times United	(Mr T Stableford)	202
174	Just For Fun	(R Nicholson)	202
174	Gales Champions	(M Gale)	202
174	Monster Monster	(M Parish)	202
174	One Under Par	(C Bird)	202
174	Morse The Pud	(Mr I Patrick)	202
174	The Butler	(S Umerjee)	202
174	Chumpdorla	(T Hibbs)	202
174	Sf's Lads	(S James)	202
174	The Mc Menemys	(I Broadsmith)	202
174	Inbetweener	(Mr A Sikora)	202
174	Al Jouf Fox	(Mr J Reader)	202
174	Map 6	(M Priestley)	202
174	Mercer's Men	(D Bowlers)	202
174	The Tasman Cometh 2	(Mr P Ashoka)	202
174	Systema Toshack	(A Prosser)	202
174	Dwayns Dribblers	(A Philcox)	202
174	Jason Lee United	(Mr J Thomas)	202
174	Strike FC	(A Koutsoudis)	202
174	Egerton Park	(D Rhoades)	202
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197	Eaton Forgers	(M Davison)	201
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197	Steves Lions 2	(S Brewer)	201
197	Neil's Nobblers	(Mr B O'Sullivan)	201
197	Glenwood FC	(R Greenhalgh)	201
197	Ponte Panthers	(K Hicklnbottom)	201
197	Chris's Miracles	(C Sims)	201
197	Shep's Super Squad	(T Shepherd)	201
197	Boing Boing Beggy	(T Horne)	201
197	Rassell 3	(D Shuter)	201
197	Vesuvio	(G Batchelor)	201
197	The Jekies	(M Adams)	201
197	PSV Betsmix	(Lt A McCole)	201
197	Roker Rovers	(D Milbourn)	201
197	Black Strap	(K Meakings)	201
197	Overhill Rovers	(Mr M James)	201
197	UFS United	(M Hyland)	201
197	Strawberry Dynamo	(D Ball)	201
219	Gujar Khan United	(F Mahmood)	200
219	Paterson S Dreamers	(M Paterson)	200
219	Latham Latics	(W Latham)	200
219	Courars	(A Keighley)	200
219	Dens Dodgers	(I Dennis)	200
219	Mercury	(D Attwood)	200
219	Morton's Men FC	(J Morton)	200
219	The James Gang	(A Norton)	200
219	The Warbirds	(K Anwer)	200
219	Droopy Brewers	(D Dodd)	200
219	Dynamo Nurdley	(P Holmes)	200
219	Dyfarmwyr Mall	(D Owen)	200
219	Georgi Best	(B Whitney)	200
219	Mostly Arsenal	(H Lamb)	200
219	NEP Wanderers	(Mr C Barr)	200
219	The Celts	(P O'Connor)	200
219	Disaster Area	(S Pottage)	200
219	Papadopoulos City	(A Papadopoulos)	200
219	KP's Hot Shots 4	(K Patel)	200
219	Gohils Gods 82	(Mr B Gohil)	200
219	Jemma's Lads	(D Aldridge)	200
219	Norwich City	(T Phillips)	200
219	Scretches	(I Wakefield)	200
242	The Kings	(G Pyle)	199
242	Only Can Saver	(M Mckeown)	199
242	Melds Skill Monsters	(M Meldrum)	199
242	Redcar	(G Thompson)	199
242	Ruefull Rabbits	(J Whiteley)	199
242	Flair	(E Bhatoo)	199
242	Do I Not Like Man Utd	(A Tatman)	199
242	Essex Exiles	(M Cant)	199
242	Tunde United	(Dr T Adetunji)	199

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The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	-1	-20
10102	R Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-1	+3
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-1
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-3	+12
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	-1	0
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+6
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-4	-21
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-3	-11
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-28
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	+5	-12
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	+5	+7
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+4	+28
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+5	+2
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	-7	-9
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+5	-4
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	-5	-28
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	+5	-18
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+14
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+19
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+4	-30
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	-1	-2
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+1
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	0	+4
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	-1	+1
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0	+5
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+11
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+11
20303	A-I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	-1	+14
20402	S-I Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	-1	+17
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+6
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	-1	+6
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	-1	-1
20504	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
20602	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+14
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-2	-7
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	-1	-1
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-4
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	-3	-5
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-4
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	-1	-1
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-8
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-10
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	+7	+6
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	+3	+1
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	0	+1
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	+4	+4
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	0	+9
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+24
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+24
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21301	D Petrescu	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+12
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+7
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	0	+4
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0	-2
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	+3
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	+4	+10
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	+4	+4
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	0	-2
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-12
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	0	-5
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-5
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	+4	-1
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+19
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+18
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+20
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+19
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+3	-9
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-11
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+4	-9
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+4	+2

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	+1	+11
41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0	+5
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	0	+10
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	+2	+3
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	+2	+14
41504	B Horne	Everton	1.50	0	+8
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	0	+5
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	1.00	+2	+15
41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+2
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00	+2	+9
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00	0	+1
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+10
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
41605	L Jenkinson	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
41606	J Darby	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+14
41608	Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	0	+7
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1	+14
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	+1	+5
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0	+3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	+2	+9
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	0	+3
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	+4	+11
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	+2	+13
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	-1	+11
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+20
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+17
41804	G Fenton	Aston Villa	0.75	0	0
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+21
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	+1	+25
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	+1	+14
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+14
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	0
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+2	+5
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+2	+12
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+4
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+8
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	0
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+1	+32
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+6
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+1	+6
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+1	+6
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+1	+11
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	0	+6
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	+1	+22
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	0	+18
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+15
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+1	+30
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	0	+9
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	+3	+14
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	+1	+28
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	+3	+11
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	+1	+2
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	+3	+38
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1	+15
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+3	+28
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+1	+12
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+13
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+6
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-1
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+18
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
50805	M Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	0
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+13
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+7
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+4
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+2
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+7
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00	+3	+13
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	+1	+14
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00	+1	+11
51004	C Maskell	Southampton	0.75	0	0
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+18
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	+1	+5
51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50	0	+4
51104	P Furlong	Chelsea	2.50	0	+3
51201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	+1	+21
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	+4	+19
51203	J Hartson	Arsenal	4.00	0	0
51204	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00	+1	+8
51302	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+12
51303	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+4
51304	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+1	+9
51401	A Cottee	West Ham United	4.50	+1	+13
51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	0	-3
51404	I Dowie	West Ham United	0.75	+1	+10
51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+1
51502	D Amokachi	Everton	2.00	0	+11
51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	+1	+18
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	+3	+9
51505	S Barlow	Everton	0.75	0	0
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	+3	+14
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	0	+11
51605	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	+1	+3
51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5.50	+1	+12
51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00	0	+4
51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	2.50	0	+3
51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00	+5	+20
51803	D Yorke	Aston Villa	3.00	+3	+22
51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+3
51901	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	5.00	+3	+14
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
51904	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	+1	+16
52001	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	+4	+12
52003	M Pastelainen	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+1	+6
52004	F De Freitas	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+14



John Jensen, of Arsenal, finds that getting time on the ball is a rarity in the rough and tumble of the Premiership

How to strike it rich

John Jensen, the Denmark and Arsenal midfield player, on his ITF team

GOALS are a must in Interactive Team Football. I learned that when trying a competition similar to this in Denmark. The most important point is to pick all-round players who appear regularly and can score goals. Even with the defenders I was looking for goalscorers because that's the way you earn points.

The biggest buy was Les Ferdinand at £8 million, but he's the man who has scored me the most points. I have always thought that he is one of the best strikers in the country. He's fast and strong and has a good finish. His shooting is outstanding. But the thing about Ferdinand is that he jumps at the right time. He can outjump big men like Tony Adams and Steve Bould, and he scores a lot of goals from headers.

It's not that Queens Park Rangers didn't have quality players to support Ferdinand, but now he's at Newcastle United he has people like Beardsley and Ginola around. In my opinion, Ginola is one of the best men to have behind the attacking players — which is why I picked him too — so Ferdinand is now getting good quality delivery from midfield.

It is always easier for a striker or a winger to come from Europe to England to play. Here you will always face a flat back four and so you can find the space, whereas in Europe they always have man-to-man marking. It means that for a player like Ginola it's not so hard to fit in. Klinsmann was outstanding here, but in Germany he is finding it harder because there is always a man on him.

For the midfield players and defenders, however, coming to England is much harder. You will always be judged on how many goals you score, and there is never any time or space to relax on the ball or dribble past a player. The tackles are flying in all the time, so you just make the simple pass.

That is why I rate Jamie Redknapp so highly. He has improved unbelievably and controls the midfield at Liverpool now. He holds the ball, he makes simple passes and he has a great shot. I think he can score 10 or 12 goals this season.

Liverpool will always be one of the great clubs in the world, but you can't be No 1 every year. Roy Evans has rebuilt the team in two years and I think they will be the strong team for the next five or six years, back to the way they were in the 1980s. They are so frustrating to play against and can score within a couple of passes.

To complete my midfield I went for David Batty and Gary McAllister. I think Batty is one of the best midfield men I have played against. He's strong and a good passer of the ball. McAllister is an exceptional player, he will always score goals. I think he will be the top midfield scorer of the season. He takes free kicks and penalties and I think he can get 10 or 15 goals this year.

The other big points-winner for me has been Neil Cox. I have always thought that he is a good player, even before he was with Middlesbrough, but at the start of the season I knew that Middlesbrough had to have a good defence if they were going to survive in the Premiership, so I picked Cox. It may have been a bit of a gamble at first but he is going forward all the time and he can score a goal or two.

JENSEN'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	E Thorstvedt	(Tottenham H)	£1m
Full backs:	N Cox	(Middlesbro)	£1m
	S Campbell	(Tottenham H)	£1.5m
Centre backs:	K Monkou	(Southampton)	£1.5m
	P McGrath	(Aston Villa)	£1.5m
Midfielders:	D Batty	(Blackburn)	£1.5m
	G McAllister	(Leeds Utd)	£4m
	D Ginola	(Newcastle)	£4.5m
	J Redknapp	(Liverpool)	£2.5m
Strikers:	L Ferdinand	(Newcastle)	£8m
	M Hughes	(Chelsea)	£4m
Manager:	B Rioch	(Arsenal)	£3.5m

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-5
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-4
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	0
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	-4
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-2
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-2
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-11
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	+4	0
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	+4	+1
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	+4	+12
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	+4	+5
31201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.50	+4	+28
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+3	+24
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	+4	+21
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+10
31302	A Pearce	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+2
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	-3	+2
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	-3	-1
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	-3	+9
31404	S Webster	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+2
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	+3	+5
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	+4	0
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-6
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	-2	-2
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	-2	-9
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-3
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-3
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+17
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+8
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+18
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+26
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-3
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+19
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+3	-1
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+3	-10
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+1	+22
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	+1	+21
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+18
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40406	M Walters	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40407	N Clough	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	0
40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+6
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	+1	+21
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	0	+16
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	0	+6
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+3
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+21
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+18
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	+1	+20
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+16
40606	S Sellars	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+3
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	+3	+3
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0	+3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+3	+12
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+1	+6
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+6
40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+3	+9
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1	+14
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+9
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+13
40804	S Hodge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+1	+16
40807	S Osborne	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+6
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+5
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+18
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+10
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+11
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	+2	+14
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0	+13
41003	N Heaney	Southampton	2.50	+1	+1
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0	+3
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0	+14
41007	B Venison	Southampton	1.50	+2	+3
41101	D Wise	Chelsea	5.00	+2	+19
41102	R Gullit	Chelsea	4.00	0	+17
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0	+12
41104	D Rocastle	Chelsea	1.50	0	+1
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	+2	+6
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+2	+9
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	+2	+10
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	+3	+10
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+2	+22
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	+1	+11
41205	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41206	D Hillier	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41207	J Jensen	Arsenal	1.00	0	+3
41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+2	+12
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
41302	A Sinton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+4
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+2	+12
41304	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+2	+5
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	0
41307	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
41308	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	+2	+2
41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+17
41401	J Moncur	West Ham United	3.00	0	+10
41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	+1	+11
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	+1	+13

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	+1
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+3
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	0
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	-1	+11
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	0	+14
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0	0
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+12
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+6
30303	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0	+1
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	-1	+16
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0	+16
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	-1	-1
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	-1	+15
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	0	+12
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	-1	+8
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	-1	-1
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0	+1
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+3
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+18
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
30606	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	-4
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+1	+12
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+13
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+1	+12
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+13
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0

NEWS

Nolan defeat for Government

■ The Government slumped to a humiliating defeat last night as the Commons voted decisively to force MPs to declare their outside earnings.

With about 18 Conservatives voting with Labour the House decided by the astonishingly large margin of 51 votes in favour of the Nolan committee's call for the declaration of all fees related to MPs' parliamentary activities. The vote will change for good the way the Commons operates ..... **Pages 1, 18, 19**

Arabs pay Rabin ultimate tribute

■ Yitzhak Rabin, the rough-hewn Israeli soldier turned peacemaker extraordinary, was paid the ultimate tribute at his funeral when Arab leaders whom he had defeated stood at his grave in the pine-scented cemetery named after Theodor Herzl, the father of modern Zionism ..... **Pages 1, 14, 15, 19**

Hospital baby mix-up

A hospital admitted that a mix-up over labels led to a woman having her healthy baby aborted while a second, whose child had Down's syndrome, was told hers was normal ..... **Page 1**

Fish famine

A fisheries scientist said there would be no cod and haddock in British waters by the turn of the century if European governments did not take action to conserve dwindling stocks ..... **Page 6**

CJD protest

The family of a man who died of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease after receiving experimental injections attacked the Medical Research Council ..... **Page 8**

Council chiefs

Walsall Council appointed a corporate board of professional directors to run its £200 million budget, replacing the traditional chief officers. The aim is to return power to the people ..... **Page 9**

Tory boy suspended

Schoolboy Tory Justin Hinchcliffe branded the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, a "dictator" after being suspended from his local Conservative association ..... **Page 2**

Nazi murder trial

Christian Didier began his trial in Paris for killing the Nazi collaborator René Bousquet in flamboyant style, by defining himself as a writer ..... **Page 11**

Julia back at work

ITN's Julia Somerville returned to work, saying she would fight to clear her name after being questioned about photographs of a child ..... **Pages 3, 17, 18**

Threat to Karadzic

A draft constitution for Bosnia-Herzegovina presented at the peace talks in Ohio paves the way for Radovan Karadzic's arrest by the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague ..... **Page 12**

Rape outcry

A father protested about a seven-year sentence imposed on a 14-year-old boy who raped his daughter, 12, and indecently assaulted her friend after they picnicked in a country park .. **Page 5**

Call to arms

Young Sinhalese civilians in northern Sri Lanka have been issued with semi-automatic rifles as a front has opened up against Tamil Tiger guerrillas .... **Page 13**

Grapes of wrath

A vineyard owner blasted two burglars with a shotgun as they tried to steal wine from his bonded warehouse. Maidstone Crown Court was told ..... **Page 5**

Mandela letters

President Mandela has instructed lawyers over a possible breach of copyright over family letters by his former jailerand friend, James Gregory ... **Page 13**

Booker bookie backs Rushdie

■ Salman Rushdie is the "hottest ever favourite" for the Booker Prize, according to Ladbroke's, which closed its betting ahead of tonight's announcement of the winner. *The Moor's Last Sigh* is 4/7. Reading between the lines of the published reviews, that placed Pat Barker's *The Ghost Road* (1/2) second, with the three other contenders nowhere ..... **Pages 5, 19**



Christina Stark with her son Duncan Gunning at her divorce service in a Sheffield United Reform Church yesterday. **Page 1**

BUSINESS

Economy: Manufacturing production unexpectedly fell in September, confirming the extent of the economic slowdown and prompting many in the City to call for lower interest rates ..... **Page 25**

Power bid: The radical shake-up in the electricity industry accelerated after a Texas-based utility launched a £1.6 billion takeover bid for Seeboard ..... **Page 25**

Currency survey: A survey of business opinion on a European single currency has found that only half of UK companies favour it .... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed 14.4 points higher at 3,514.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index ended unchanged at 84.3 after a dip from $1.5800 to $1.5798 and from DM2.2365 to DM 2.2338 ... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: The uncapped Shaun Pollock is one of five fast bowlers in South Africa's 12 for the first Test match against England in Pretoria next week ..... **Page 46**

Rugby league: Ambitious Rugby League bosses intend to have their own annual Five Nations Championship in place as early as 1997 ..... **Page 48**

Rugby union: England's leading clubs say that they must find £1 million each per season to fund their operations in the new professional era ..... **Page 48**

Racing: Declan Murphy announced his retirement from the ranks of National Hunt jockeys less than a month after a comeback from a fall that fractured his skull ..... **Page 48**

ARTS

Young Turks on show: Many of Britain's leading young artists go on show this week, either in the Turner Prize exhibition at the Tate in London, or in the massive British Art Show, held in seven galleries across Manchester ..... **Page 40**

Rare birds: An all-male cast, including dancers impersonating the Kray Twins and Barbara Windsor, will open in a distinctly different interpretation of *Swan Lake* at Sadler's Wells this week .... **Page 41**

Naughty Tories: Libidinous Tory politicians are the subject of *Party Tricks*, a new drama at the Nottingham Playhouse ..... **Page 42**

Lully revived: Lully's opera *Isis*, written for Louis XIV and not revived for centuries, was performed in Birmingham ..... **Page 42**

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Leading lady: Katie Mitchell is fast becoming tomorrow's Jonathan Miller. Rachel Kelly meets the director ..... **Page 17**

BOOKS AND ART

Out of danger: *Nigel Hawkes on the trial of a vaccine that may be able to prevent allergic reactions* ..... **Page 16**

True or false: Do pregnant women need to get rid of their cats? Dr Greenhalgh reports ..... **Page 16**

LAW

David Pannick: Locating the boundary between law and politics is one of the most difficult problems in a democracy ..... **Page 35**

Client confidence: When a patient consults a psychotherapist, can his or her communications be revealed in court? ..... **Page 37**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE
Your chance to win a £30,000 cordless office of the future

■ FASHION
Iain R. Webb, fashion journalist of the year, on the best of American fashion

THE PAPERS

Yitzhak Rabin's death endangers the peace process, but assassinations often produce the opposite of what assassins intend. And that may turn out to be the case now — *USA Today*

Rabin was the quintessential Sabra, the term for native-born Israelis: prickly on the outside, sweet on the inside, like a cactus fruit. He was a statesman, a diplomat and a democrat. He was a soldier by necessity, while yearning for peace — *The Washington Times*

Preview: The story of the troubled Getty dynasty is told in a two-part documentary. *Network First* (ITV, 10.40pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard welcomes the new muscularity of a current affairs veteran ..... **Page 47**

After Rabin

Mr Peres is now in charge: the opponents of peace are as benumbed today as those Israelis who believe that the pursuit of peace should acquire new urgency. The memory of Mr Rabin should guide the Government in all that it does ..... **Page 19**

Lower and lower

Last night's vote to disclose the amount that MPs are paid by consultants, lobbyists and their clients showed a welcome acknowledgment of the extent to which the public has lost its trust in Parliament ..... **Page 19**

None of our business

Does it matter who wins the Booker Prize for fiction tonight? Well, it depends whom you ask. It matters to the authors, of course. Ditto for their publishers ..... **Page 19**

ROBERT ALEXANDER

Since the Second World War, governments of all complexions have intervened more widely in all areas of life. The growth of judicial review is the inevitable reaction, to ensure that there is some proper check on the way government exercises power ..... **Page 18**

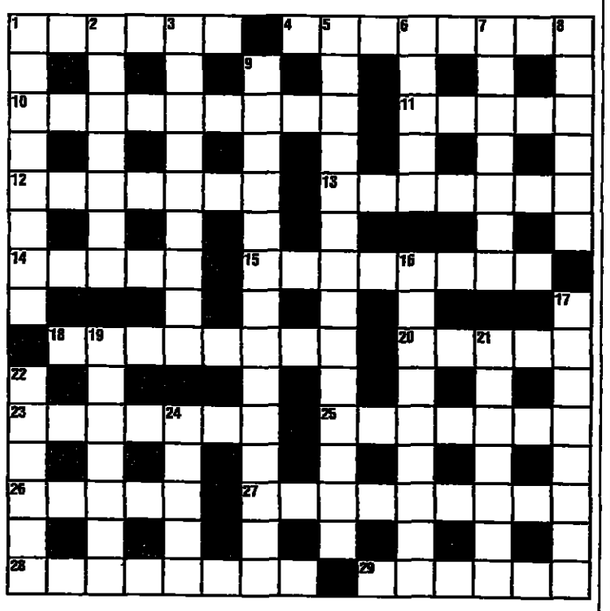
LIBBY PURVES

I doubt there is a camera-literate family in the land which does not harbour some spirited snaps of children without their pants on. The traditional use of these is for mothers to ruin Christmas 20 years later by getting tiddly on sherry and showing the evidence to their children's fiancés ..... **Page 18**

Paul Eddington, actor; **Professor Ernest Gellner**, Professor of Social Anthropology at Cambridge University, philosopher and anthropologist ..... **Page 21**

Divorce reform; mismanagement of wilderness areas; controversy over examination results; ostrich farming; wages in tourism; prison questions ..... **Page 19**

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,006



ACROSS

1 Remove obstruction in river (6).
4 Pound retained by collector is source of quarrel (8).
10 Stairs can upset old sexton (9).
11 Take advantage of a disguise, so to speak (5).
12 Indian with a soft shoe (7).
13 No purpose in profit from such a public event (4,3).
14 Number in revolt coming out in the wash (5).
15 It charts the heat when mother is cooking (8).
18 Steep fee imposed after club opening (8).
20 Black colt finally removed from its quarters (5).
23 Appropriate equipment for a horse (7).
25 Impatiently move frill (7).
26 Major feat, of course, for a high flier (5).
27 Took care of diverse riches he'd acquired (9).
28 Reasonable expectation — or none, ironically (4,4).
29 Make so appealing, bound to touch listener (6).

DOWN

1 Refuse to travel in such a vehicle (8).
2 Stand in Court, in general, on navy base (7).
3 Final artwork to follow article (9).
5 Get a lucky break and successfully complete gymnastics (4,2,4,4).
6 Mark of suspicion (5).
7 Tougher accommodation for old storekeeper (7).
8 Again bets on races (6).
9 Acute pain treated following attack in minor affray (5,2,1,6).
16 Man's Circle train diverted to Acton, perhaps (9).
17 Back in Paris during siege, for example (8).
19 Mixture often apparent in canines (7).
21 Female appearing in the midst of woe (7).
22 American woman's escorts (6).
24 Inexperienced, so making a forward pass? (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 20,005

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Warcop, Cumbria 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.19in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 8.6hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be mainly dry at first, with local frost in the southeast. Much of southern England will continue bright or sunny throughout today, but western and northern parts will be cloudy with some rain, locally heavy in Cumbria and the northern Pennines.

Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and the chance of a shower. Scotland will also have some sunny intervals, with showers affecting mainly the west. In the evening, more general rain will push into the far northwest of Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S, N England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** early frost in the southeast, then variable cloud amounts but staying dry. Wind light and variable. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** mainly cloudy but dry. Wind light and variable. Max temp 13C (55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** cloudy with patchy rain, locally heavy in the north. Wind southwest light to moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** sunny intervals and showers, these mainly in the west. Wind southwest light to moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** sunny intervals and showers. More persistent rain in the evening. Wind southwest moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and scattered showers. Wind southwest moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy in most parts. Rain spreading southeast, then lingering over southeast England.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

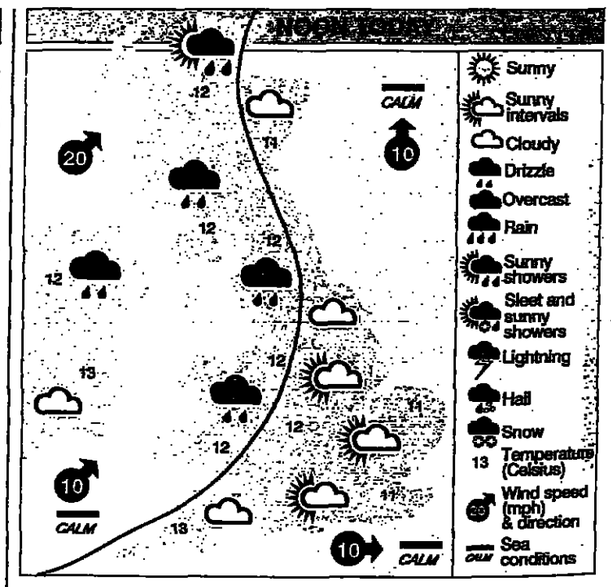
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	12	54	c	London	8.1	-	11	52	s
Anglesey	4.8	-	12	54	s	Lowestoft	5.4	-	9	48	s
Aspatria	2.8	-	11	52	b	Manchester	5.3	-	9		
Belfast	-	-	12	54	c	Margate	X				
Birmingham	6.9	-	10	50	s	Minehead	7.7	-	13	55	s
Bognor R	8.6	-	12	54	s	Morecambe	0.8	-	10	50	du
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Bristol	7.7	-	12	54	s	Norwich	3.5	-	8	46	s
Buxton	5.3	-	8	46	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	4.5	-	10	50	s	Oxford	6.7	-	9	48	s
Clacton	7.4	-	7	45	s	Penzance	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	X				
Colwyn Bay	6.8	-	13	55	s	Poole	7.6	-	13	55	s
Cromer	5.9	-	9	48	c	Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	s
Doncaster	X					Ross-o-wye	6.8	-	10	50	s
Eastbourne	8.3	-	11	52	s	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	0.2	-	10	50	c	Salcombe	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	-	6	43	c	Sandown	8.0	-	12	54	s
Exmouth	7.4	-	12	54	s	Saunton Snd	6.9	-	14	57	s
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	4.9	-	7	45	s
Fishguard	5.3	-	10	50	s	Shanklin	X				
Folkestone	8.5	-	10	50	s	Shrewsbury	5.4	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	0.2	-	11	52	c	Skegness	4.7	-	9	48	s
Guernsey	8.4	-	12	54	s	Southend	4.7	0.01	11	52	b
Hastings	8.5	-	11	52	s	Southport	-	-	8	46	s
Hayling I.	8.2	-	11	52	s	Southsea	8.3	-	12	54	s
Herne Bay	8.1	-	10	50	s	Stornoway	-	-	12	54	du
Hove	5.5	-	11	52	s	St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	4.1	-	9	48	s	Swanage	8.2	-	12	54	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	7.2	-	12	54	s
Isle of Man	1.8	-	13	55	c	Tenby	X				
Jersey	8.6	-	11	52	s	Tiree	1.9	-	13	55	c
Kinloss	-	-	12	54	c	Torquay	7.8	-	13	55	s
Leeds	4.9	-	10	50	s	Tynemouth	2.6	-	11	52	c
Lerwick	-	-	10	50	r	Ventnor	8.5	-	14	57	s
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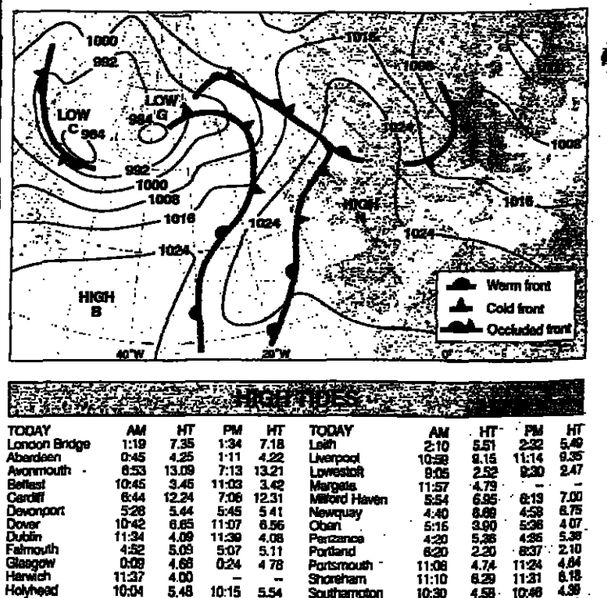
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HIGH TIDES

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Aberdeen	0:45	4.25	1:11	4.22	Liverpool	10:58	9.15	11:14	9.35
Avonmouth	6:53	13.09	7:13	13.21	Lowestoft	8:05	2.53	9:30	2.47
Belfast	10:45	3.45	11:03	3.42	Margate	11:57	4.79	--	--
Cardiff	6:44	12.24	7:06	12.31	Milford Haven	5:54	6.95	6:13	7.00
Devonport	5:28	5.44	5:45	5.41	Newquay	4:40	8.69	4:58	8.75
Dover	10:42	6.65	11:07	6.56	Oban	5:16	3.90	5:36	4.07
Dublin	11:34	4.09	11:39	4.08	Penzance	4:20	5.36	4:35	5.38
Falmouth	4:52	5.09	5:07	5.11	Portland	6:20	2.20	6:37	2.10
Glasgow	0:09	4.65	0:24	4.78	Portsmouth	11:06	4.74	11:24	4.84
Harwich	11:37	4.00	--	--	Shoreham	11:10	6.29	11:31	6.18
Holyhead	10:04	5.48	10:15	5.54	Southampton	10:30	4.58	10:46	4.39
Hull	5:50	7.38	6:18	7.31	Swansea	5:58	9.43	6:18	9.51
Ilfracombe	5:37	9.29	5:58	9.31	Tees	3:10	5.33	3:34	5.31
King's Lynn	5:55	6.70	6:16	6.69	W'ton-on-Nze	11:32	4.19	11:57	4.19

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.04 am
Sun sets: 4.24 pm
Moon sets 7.01 am
Moon rises 4.43 pm

London 4.24 pm to 7.06 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 4.21 pm to 7.23 am
Manchester 4.26 pm to 7.20 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.23 am

Full Moon today

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 1995

City calls for interest rate cut to boost demand

Surprise slump in output

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURING production unexpectedly fell in September, confirming the extent of the economic slowdown and leading many in the City to call for lower interest rates.

The argument for lower rates is increasingly strong, but much depends on the Budget. Large tax cuts not financed by lower public spending would anger the Bank of England, and few in the City are willing to predict an immediate rate cut until they have seen the Chancellor's judgment.

The Central Statistical Office reported that manufacturing output fell by 0.6 per cent, making it far weaker than the small rise that the City had expected. The fall was worryingly spread across a broad range of sectors. Taking the latest three months against the same period a year ago, manufacturing grew by only 1.2 per cent, the lowest year-on-year rate since October, 1993. The CSO now estimates that the underlying trend of manufacturing is now for growth of only 0.5 per cent. This represents a very sharp slowdown since the 5.5 per cent growth estimated a year ago.

Industrial production overall profited from inclusion of record outputs of North Sea oil and gas and higher demand for gas and electricity as the weather turned cooler after summer's heatwave. Production rose by 0.5 per cent. Nevertheless, its estimated trend is now only 1 per cent, against 6 per cent in September and October 1994.

The sharp fall in manufacturing output appears partly to reflect the big build-up of stocks earlier this year as companies were caught out by weakening demand. Instead of producing, they are now trying to run down stock, a phenomenon that the Bank of England said, in its May *Inflation Report*, might lead to marked deterioration in growth in the second half of the year.

The Bank's next *Inflation Report*, due out tomorrow, is unlikely to endorse the calls for lower interest rates expressed in the City yesterday given that the Bank only abandoned its campaign for higher interest rates at the beginning of September.

David Mackie, economist at J P Morgan, said that much will depend on the Budget, with the Bank very nervous about large tax give-aways. Mr Mackie said: "The Chancellor will want to see how the Budget goes down with the markets and the Bank of England. If the markets respond positively and the economy remains soft, he could cut rates early next year."

Martin Brookes, of Goldman Sachs, said that, provided tax cuts are kept broadly in line with cuts in public spending, the Chancellor would have room to cut rates modestly after the Budget.

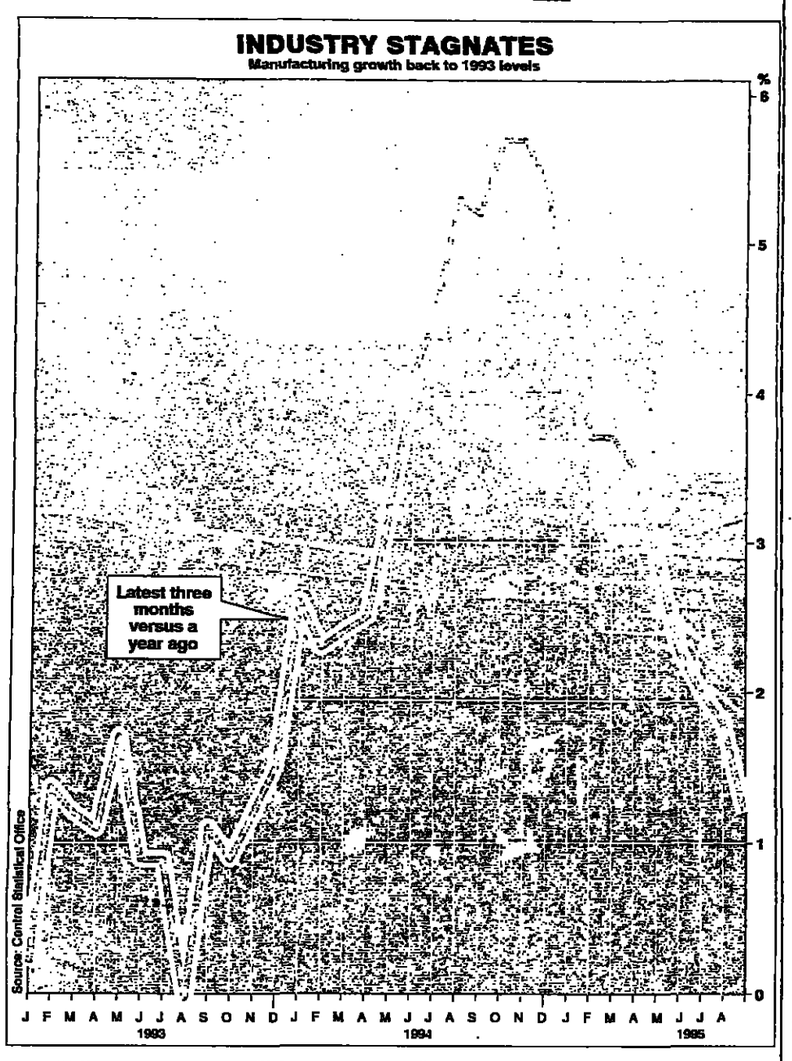
In manufacturing, there were particularly sharp falls in the three-month period to September in transport equipment, down by 3.1 per cent, and in the food, drink and tobacco industries, which fell 1.3 per cent.

Another notably weak area of manufacturing was car production, which slumped by 6.8 per cent as the strong figures of July and August failed to be sustained. However, separate figures yesterday showed a jump in car registrations, suggesting that demand has bounced back, perhaps because of big price cuts to shift August's stock overhang.

The picture of faltering economic growth was backed up yesterday by the CSO's latest cyclical indicators. The longer leading index, which is supposed to signal turning points in economic activity 13 months in advance, fell for the sixteenth month in a row.

Michael Saunders, economist with Salomon Brothers, said that the longer leading index has a reasonable record of signalling advance swings.

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Airlines in US seek BA alliance

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BRITISH AIRWAYS has been approached by a number of American airlines interested in forming a strategic alliance, Sir Colin Marshall, BA's executive chairman, said.

After the release of the company's interim results yesterday, he said no decision would be made on alliances until the future of USAir, the US carrier in which BA has a 24.6 per cent stake, was certain.

USAir is in discussions with American Airlines and United Airlines that could lead to a takeover. An announcement from United on USAir is expected within the next week. Potential allies for BA might include American Airlines or Delta.

Sir Colin, unveiling half-year pre-tax profits to September 30 of £430 million (£349 million), refused to say which airlines had made an approach and said he did not yet know what would happen to USAir, which announced a net profit of $43.1 million for the three months to September 30 (net loss of $180 million), a year ago.

BA's global partnerships — which include alliances with Qantas, USAir, TAT, Deutsche BA and six franchise operations — contributed more than £50 million in pre-tax profit. But TAT and Deutsche BA made a £20 million loss, albeit a 40 per cent improvement on the previous year.

Group profit after tax was £323 million, equivalent to earnings of 33.8p a share (27.2p). An interim dividend of 3.85p per share, a rise of 10 per cent, will be paid on January 31 to shareholders on the register at November 21.

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Texan utility launches agreed Seeboard bid

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE shake-up in the electricity industry gained speed yesterday when a Texas utility launched a £1.6 billion bid for Seeboard, the southeastern regional electricity company.

This is the highest offer for a Rec based on the share price. The move, by Central and South West Corporation, values Seeboard shares at 635p, which means £12.70p a share as the equity was split to double the shares in issue. At flotation, five years ago, all Rec shares were set at 240p.

CSW, whose offer has been recommended by Seeboard, is one of several US utilities that have been stalking UK companies in an effort to expand internationally in the face of stringent profit-capping of power companies in the US. Recently, the company linked with Houston Industries in a bid for Norweb, the north-western company, which was trounced by North West Water, Norweb's neighbour with a £11.70p-a-share offer.

Tom Shockley, president of CSW, said: "We realise that we have paid a price which is very attractive to the shareholders of Seeboard but we believe there are benefits to justify the cost."

Seeboard shares soared 97p to 628p on news of the bid and the planned takeover leaves just four regional electricity companies that have not received takeover offers — Yorkshire, South Wales Electricity, East Midlands and London. As bid speculation intensified that they too would soon find suitors, their share prices rose in sympathy.

Jim Ellis, the chief executive of Seeboard, whose share options will be worth £400,000 after tax in the takeover, said that the company had wanted to maintain its independence. "We have said this all along but this offer was clearly beneficial to our shareholders.

Other directors will walk away with large option benefits including Stephen Gutteridge, managing director of supply, whose benefits will equal those of Mr Ellis. In line for £200,000 each are Michael Pavia, finance director, John Weight, managing director of distribution, and Tony Smith, managing director of the business group. A further 200 management staff will gain about £24,000 each.

The management of Seeboard will remain intact with Mr Ellis also joining CSW's board. Yesterday CSW was said to have snapped up 22 per cent of Seeboard in the market as the company moved quickly to lock in its bid and deter rival offers. It is thought unlikely, however, that the bid will be topped.

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ELECTRICITY BIDS
Flotation price in 1990 - 240p

Seeboard	Central South Western Corp	Nov 1995	£12.70*
Norweb	North West Water	Oct 1995	£11.70
Southern Electric	National Power	Oct 1995	£10.10
Scottish Hydro-Electric	Scottish Power	Sep 1995	£10.25
Midlands Electricity	PowerGen	Sep 1995	£10.00
South Western Electricity	Southern Electric (US)	Aug 1995	£9.65
Eastern Group	Babcock	Jul 1995	£9.75
Manweb	Trafalgar House	Feb 1995	£11.00

*Adjusted for share split **Offer allowed to lapse

Wells Fargo opposed by $10bn white knight

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

FIRST INTERSTATE, the Californian bank under siege from Wells Fargo, has found a white knight with which it has struck a $10.3 billion merger agreement. The deal is likely to prompt a higher bid from Wells, sparking the largest hostile bidding war for a bank seen in the US.

First Bank Systems, based in Minneapolis, is offering 2.6 of its shares for every First Interstate share in an agreed deal that would create the ninth largest bank in the US, with assets of $92.4 billion. FBS has played a significant role in the consolidation of the banking industry, with 23 acquisitions in five years.

The merged bank would cover a large area west of the Mississippi, with 1,514 branches covering 25 states. The headquarters would be in Minneapolis, but it would be called First Interstate.

Hostile bids are rare in US banking, but, in the takeover frenzy sweeping the sector, the Wells Fargo offer was expected to trigger a spate of similar moves if it succeeded.

Business gives backing to single currency

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH business backs a European single currency, but only just. In the largest survey of business opinion on the issue, only half the companies surveyed were in favour of a single currency.

Business leaders insisted that the results of the survey of 1,700 firms by MORI, the polling organisation, for the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce, showed business to be coherent over Europe — even though one of the UK's main business bodies, the Institute of Directors, insists it has strong support for its opposition to a single currency.

The CBI/BCC survey showed that 8 per cent of companies believe that a single currency would be essential for UK business, and 42 per cent see it as beneficial. This is set against 17 per cent who believe on balance it will not benefit UK business and 13 per cent who think it will actively damage it. The remainder believe it would make little difference or declined to give an opinion.

Forty-one per cent thought it would help their own businesses. Thirty-six per cent believe the UK should keep open its option to join the single currency in 1999, the earliest possible start date, while 19 per cent want to be among the nations aiming to be ready for EMU at that date.

Business overwhelmingly wants Britain to remain in Europe; only 7 per cent favour withdrawal from the EU. Two-thirds believe EU membership has increased investment in Britain, but business does not believe that EU membership has helped to reduce costs. As many as 58 per cent believe the political debate about the value of Britain's membership has damaged the UK.

Robin Geldard, BCC president, said that Europe was "too important an issue to be left to politicians alone". He said, "The future of Europe, and the future of the UK in Europe, is vital to British industry." Sir Bryan Nicholson, CBI president, said the survey "clearly shows that business is strongly committed to Europe, but to a Europe that works".

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3514.8	(+14.4)
Yield	4.02%	
FT-SE A All share	1728.27	(+8.29)
Nikkei	18036.97	(+8.17)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4823.76	(–1.81)*
S&P Composite	589.98	(–0.59)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(5⅝%)
Long Bond	107¹⁵⁄₃₂*	(107³¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.28%*	(6.28%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¹¹⁄₁₆%	(6⅝%)
Lffe long gilt future (Dec)	107½	(107³²)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5787*	(1.5800)
London:		
$	1.5791	(1.5795)
DM	2.2337	(2.2358)
FFr	7.7435	(7.7250)
SFr	1.7984	(1.7980)
Yen	163.44	(164.04)
£ Index	84.3	(84.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4141*	(1.4167)
FFr	4.9004*	(4.8952)
SFr	1.1388*	(1.1400)
Yen	103.20*	(103.88)
$ Index	93.3	(93.5)

Tokyo close Yen 103.50

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$16.30	($16.35)

GOLD

London close	$382.25	($382.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Brokers to raise cover in the City

THE Northern Ireland ceasefire has prompted insurance brokers to increase cover for commercial property in the City for the first time since it was reduced in 1992-93 after a wave of IRA bombings (Marianne Curphey writes).

After more than 12 months without bombs on the mainland or in Northern Ireland, brokers announced yesterday they would increase cover from the current maximum of £25 million to £100 million for most risks.

Willis Corroon, the broker acting on behalf of the British Insurance and Investment Brokers' Association, said the policies would be underwritten by a group of Lloyd's of London insurers.

During the height of the IRA campaign, insurance companies reached agreement with the British Government to provide terrorist cover through Pool Re, a special reinsurance company, backed by the Government acting as insurer of last resort.

BAe chief gains £1.46m on options

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD LAPTHORNE, finance director of British Aerospace, crystallised a £1.46 million profit yesterday on the massive options package received when he joined the company three years ago. He used almost half the estimated after-tax proceeds of £875,252 to convert other share options into a holding in the company worth a further £1.4 million.

Mr Lapthorne's profits are seen in the City as a reward for hard work, rather than windfall gains. When he joined, BAe was valued by the stock market at £400 million. Today, the value is £3 billion.

Previously finance director at Courtaulds, the chemicals group, Mr Lapthorne gave up a secure job to engineer a financial restructuring that has helped BAe's shares from 149p, when the options were granted, to the 710.5p at which the deal was done.

As part of his joining package in July 1992, he negotiated the right to buy 558,890 BAe shares at 203.98p any time between November 6, 1995, and November 5, 2002.

The option package was in addition to a salary of £295,000, topped up last year with a £118,000 bonus, plus benefits, to total £428,964.

Mr Lapthorne exercised his options over 486,979 shares. He sold 288,000 and retained 198,979. His BAe holding now totals 225,000, worth £1.6 million. He also has a further 71,911 options at 203.98p.

☐ John Cahill, who joined BAe as chairman three months before Mr Lapthorne, and who worked with him to restore the company's fortunes, died on Saturday after a short illness.

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Lapthorne: seen as reward

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Growth of counterfeiting is real, say police

BY ROBERT MILLER

CURRENCY counterfeiting is on the increase and the total of forged currency seized in Britain this year will top the £18 million recovered last year, a senior detective said yesterday.

Detective Inspector Steve Putman, of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, said that, as well as the millions of pounds of sterling notes seized last year, $5.5 million in fake US currency was tracked down. He added: "People always assume that it is the Bank of England or other banks which are the victims of counterfeit gangs. But it is the ordinary people who lose out when the notes are passed down the line, together with the retail shops in the high street."

Mr Putman was speaking on the opening day of The Prevention of Financial Fraud, a three-day conference in London organised by the International Conference Group.

The conference is being attended by law enforcers from 45 countries, including members of the FBI, New Scotland Yard and Interpol, and by representatives of banks and financial institutions.

Opening the conference, Professor Michael Levi, of the University of Wales, said that "fraud is not a competitive issue". Governments were, in general, increasing their funding of agencies to combat international fraud and money laundering, Professor Levi said, but he added: "There is no country where fraud and corruption are really taken seriously enough by those in charge of resource allocation."

In the US, efforts are being made to streamline the suspicious activity forms that institutions file with the authorities. William Baity, deputy director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, said that a new Suspicious Activity Reporting System was intended to cut down on the 12 million currency forms that had been filed by more than 10,000 banks.

John Moscow, from the New York County District Attorney's office, said that London was very much on the circuit of large cities in which international fraudsters based themselves. To underline the global nature of fraud and money-laundering and the need for closer co-operation between Governments and a more pro-active role by from the banks and other financial institutions, Mr Moscow referred to a case currently under investigation, saying: "I am looking at the involvement of Bahrain, Zurich, Frankfurt, New York and London. And, at the end of the day, it concerns money stolen from people in Greece."

Major Juan Sosa, of the Policia Nacional in Ecuador, identified three areas of concern in his country that had implications for international law enforcement agencies. He said that profits made from drug-trafficking, international car robbery and kidnapping were not just being laundered through neighbouring Peru and Colombia but also through the US and European countries.

PIA panel calls for home-loan law change

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE current system of monitoring home-loans advice is "highly unsatisfactory" and the law should be changed, the independent consumer panel of a City watchdog said.

In its first annual report, the panel, which has been set up by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the regulator for firms selling direct to the public, also expressed "very serious concern" at the failure of a number of PIA members to support the voluntary arrangements of the PIA Ombudsman's scheme to deal with complaints about administration and certain non-investment products.

The PIA's consumer panel, an independent body headed by Barbara Saunders, has stopped just short of calling for a pro-active review of past mortgage endowment business, which in 1988 accounted for 83 per cent of all home loans, after the Office of Fair Trading's earlier and critical report on mortgage repayments methods.

The consumer panel said: "The uncertainty over endowment mortgages probably does as much as any other single issue to illustrate the disquiet with which consumers view the financial services industry and the low level of confidence they have in it."

As a result of its concerns over endowment mortgages, the panel has called on the PIA to monitor the selling of endowments, particularly by appointed representative firms. It also calls for a joint PIA/OFT consumer leaflet on choosing a home loan.

In its first-ever report, the panel also expresses concern about how the compensation bill resulting from the current personal pensions mis-selling review will be funded. The issue of the long-term funding of the Investors Compensation Scheme, on which a part at least of the pensions mis-selling bill will fall, is to be discussed at the PIA's board meeting this month.

Joe Palmer, PIA chairman, said the consumer panel's findings and recommendations would be considered carefully. On the Ombudsman's scheme and handling of complaints, the panel said: "The speed with which complaints are resolved is also important, particularly to elderly investors, and we have criticised PIA over delays in resolving complaints outstanding from previous regulators."

The consumer panel's report says that the main finding from its in-depth research is that scandals such as the mis-selling of personal pension plans and the sale of unsuitable home-income plans have bought the industry into public disrepute. The panel said: "Consumer confidence in the financial services industry is very low and that this lack of trust is engendering an unwillingness to invest."

The panel has welcomed a move by the PIA to become a proactive regulator and head off potentially disastrous investment products before they are sold to the public. It said: "We welcome the setting up of an early warning unit within PIA, with the purpose of identifying at an early stage any products, or selling methods, which pose a threat to investors' interests. We also have a role in monitoring consumer problems and feeding them into the early warning process."



Saunders: monitor call

Hanson buys stores

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

HANSON, the Anglo-American conglomerate, yesterday bought out its partners in the Powerhouse electrical retail chain for an undisclosed sum.

Southern Electric, Eastern Group and Midlands sold their stakes to Hanson in the loss-making business. Doubts could hang over the future of the 320-store operation after Hanson declared that it would implement a thorough review of the business.

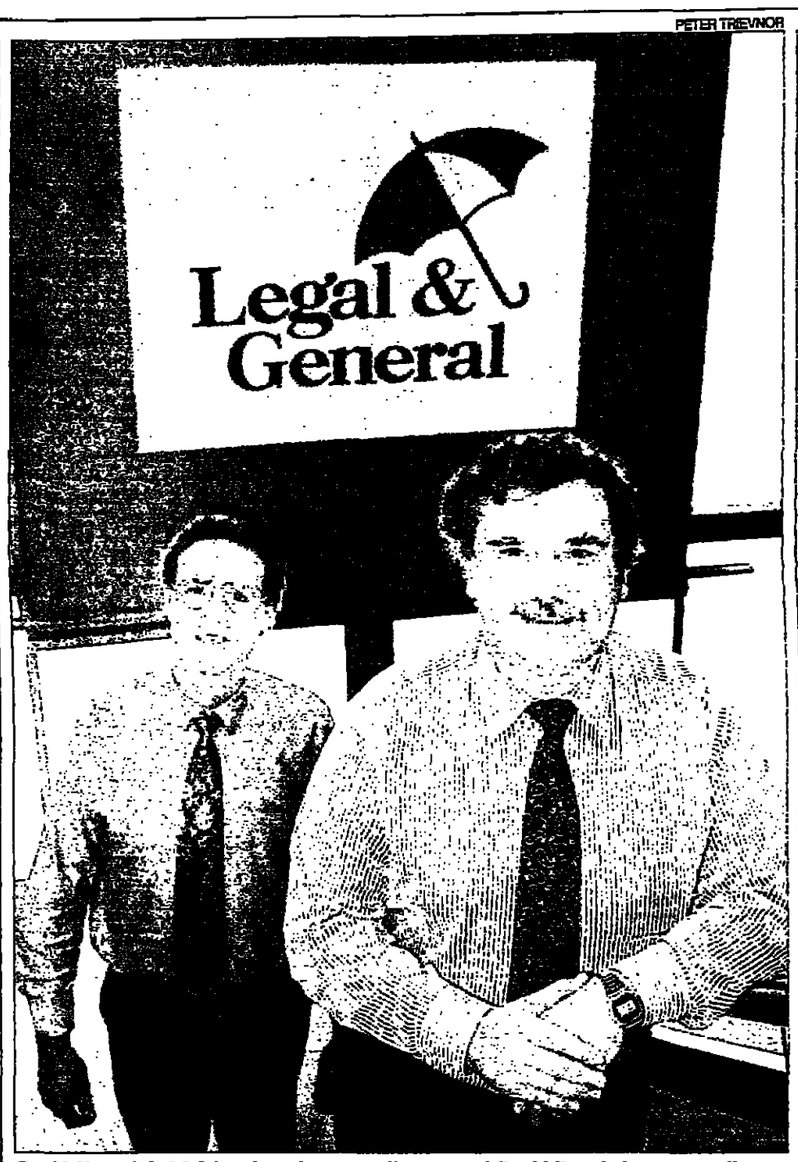
Powerhouse said local facilities for the payment of electricity customers' accounts would continue to be provided. The chain has incurred losses in the first three years of its operation, last year plunging into the red by £24 million.

John Devaney, chairman of the group, which employs 3,500 staff, said trading this year had been encouraging and "the planned heavy support" for the pre-Christmas season would continue.

Southern Electric, which had a 36 per cent stake in Powerhouse, said yesterday that the sale would lift its future financial position after it suffered losses last year of £8.3 million.

But the deal makes sense for Hanson's strategy of moving further into the sector after it paid £2.5 billion for Eastern Group.

PETER TREVNOR



David Shaw, left, L&G bonds and strategy director, and David Rough, investment director

L&G looks to equities rise

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

LEGAL & GENERAL, the life insurance to investment management group, expects UK equities to enjoy a prospective return of about 12 per cent in the coming year, and forecasts a FT-SE 100 index peak of about 3,850 in the next 12 months.

L&G has been reviewing the outcome of current year-end forecasts, leading the investment management group to examine prospective returns in the UK markets next year. After making a number of assumptions, such as the outlook for business based on the current shape of the UK's yield curve, the study, by David Shaw, L&G's bonds and strategy director, forecasts growth in gross domestic product of about 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent in the coming 12 to 18 months, which is not unlike this year's performance.

This translates into an earnings expectation of about 10 per cent, compared with 14 per cent this year, as the favourable impact of corporate restructuring fades. On the assumption of a broadly stable payout ratio, this generates a dividend growth forecast of about 8 per cent, down 3 per cent from this year, but still an increase of about 5 per cent in real terms.

Inflation expectations are predicted to fall to 4 per cent next year, which, with a risk-free real yield of 3 per cent, will produce a ten-year bond yield of 7.5 per cent, and a prospective total return on conventional gilts of about 15 per cent. Cash is seen as the worst performer next year, with conventional gilts seen as the obvious home for any surplus cash.

L&G foresees little change in real base rates next year.

Germans sought in fee fraud inquiry

BY OUR CITY STAFF

FRAUD squad officers have issued an "all ports" arrest warrant for two German nationals in connection with a £100 million international "advanced fee" fraud investigation.

The pair, both in their 20s, were among 13 people arrested and interviewed in September as part of Operation Labis, a joint exercise between the Serious Fraud Office and Devon and Cornwall police.

The men, who are believed to have returned to Germany, had been ordered to report back to Torquay police station in the West Country last week. Neither, however, did so.

Detectives working on the inquiry, which is still regarded as a "major investigation" with a round-the-clock incident room, have sent details of the two men to the German authorities. It is understood that both are known to the German police.

Two German nationals, Gerhard Martens and Peter Tugel, and Sebastiano Saia, an Italian businessman, are being held in custody at Exeter prison in connection with Operation Labis.

Herr Martens has been charged that, together with Signor Saia, he tried to defraud Marc Pacchioni, a French stamp dealer from Cannes, of a rare set of Aden stamps valued at £7.3 million. Herr Martens has also been charged with dishonestly obtaining £415,000 from Gertrude Kessenbrook, a German businesswoman. Herr Tugel is charged with conspiracy to defraud.

Advanced fee fraud involves taking a payment from an investor in return for the promise of a substantial loan that is never forthcoming.

Among the quantities of documents and computer tapes seized by police in 14 dawn raids in the West Country on September 6 were £10,000 worth of National Lottery tickets.

The security division of Camelot, the lottery organiser, is understood to be investigating the matter.

The lottery tickets are believed to be linked to a money-laundering aspect of the Operation Labis inquiry.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

International Paper expands empire

INTERNATIONAL PAPER, the world's biggest paper products company, has agreed to buy Federal Paper Board, the forest products company, in a deal worth $3.5 billion, including debt. The offer of $55 a share in cash and stock was 21 per cent more than Federal Paper's closing price on Friday. International Paper said the deal would make it more efficient, give it world-class mills in Riegelwood, North Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia, and a facility in Scotland.

Federal Paper said that the deal enables International Paper to serve a broader range of customers and will be an excellent value for its stockholders. The deal is subject to approval by Federal Paper Board's shareholders and regulatory authorities. It is expected to close in early 1996. International Paper, which is based in Purchase, New York, had sales last year of nearly $15 billion from a wide range of businesses, including manufacturing printing papers, packaging and forest products. The company has manufacturing operations in 28 countries and exports its products to more than 130 countries.

Extra Daiwa inspections

JAPAN'S central bank said it would strengthen inspections of Daiwa Bank's domestic business after Daiwa was ordered to shut down its US operations. Tatsuya Tamura, executive director of the Bank of Japan, said the central bank would monitor Daiwa's business on a monthly basis after completing inspections of its offices in Tokyo and Osaka. Usually the central bank inspects banks every two years. Mr Tamura added the central bank would provide extra funds to Japanese banks if fears arose about Daiwa's liquidity.

PT heads for market

A HEALTHCARE company that is planning a stock market flotation is making headway in its efforts to find a vaccine to protect people against food allergies. Peptide Therapeutics Group, formed in 1992 and which has on board the Rheumatology and Allergy Research Unit at Birmingham University, is pursuing 12 product development programmes, mainly in allergy and rheumatoid arthritis. PT said its aim was to develop vaccines that treat the cause of the disease, rather than alleviating its symptoms.

Receiverships rise

THE number of administration and administrative receivership appointments continued to rise in October, with 213 appointments reported, up from 145 in September and 184 in October 1994. The past three months have all seen more appointments than last year. London and the South East and the North West are primarily responsible for the increase, with rises of 58 per cent and 91 per cent, respectively. Ralph Preece, of Touche Ross London Corporate Recovery, said that construction and domestic manufacturing remain weak.

Scania accelerates

SCANIA, the Swedish truckmaker to be sold early next year, by Investor, the Wallenberg family's industrial holding company, lifted its share of the UK heavy truck market to 16.7 per cent, from 14 per cent, in the first nine months of this year. The planned sale of up to 75 per cent of Scania would value the company at about £5.5 billion. Nine-month figures showed net profit 48 per cent ahead, at 2.31 billion kronor (£220 million). Sales, boosted by last month's launch of the new 4-Series trucks, rose 35 per cent, to 25.4 billion kronor.

Hoechst surges 103%

HOECHST, the first of Germany's big three chemicals groups to report nine-month figures, said that pre-tax profit surged 103 per cent to DM3.4 billion, prompting Jürgen Dormann, the management board chairman, to forecast a full-year profit to match 1989's record. The company, which consolidated its $7.1 billion acquisition of Marion Merrel Dow, the US drugs group, in July, said it expected the 1995 results to allow a higher dividend. Sales were 9 per cent up on last year in the first nine months, at DM39.1 billion.

Prowting pegs payout

PROWTING, the building company, sold more homes in the first half of the year but average selling prices eased to £77,200, from £84,000. Margin pressure caused pre-tax profits to fall to £4.1 million, from £4.4 million, in the half year to August 31, reducing earnings to 3.3p a share, from 3.6p. The interim dividend is held at 1.9p, due on January 8. The company said that the housing market was proving to be more difficult in 1995 than 1994 and called upon mortgage lenders to adopt "a more positive stance" on negative equity.

I am telling truth, says Kevin Maxwell

BY OUR CITY STAFF

KEVIN MAXWELL insisted yesterday that he was giving truthful evidence at his Central Criminal Court trial but that some things were impossible to recall accurately over a distance of years.

As he started his fourth week in the witness box, Mr Maxwell told Alan Suckling, QC, the prosecutor: "I am not a genius. I don't have photographic recall. I am doing the very best I can," but he could not give either yes or no answers to his questions.

"You could say pass if you find it impossible to answer," Mr Suckling suggested.

"This is not Mastermind and I can't say pass," Mr Maxwell replied. "I'm doing the best I can . . . I can't always give the answers you want."

Later he told the prosecutor: "If I recall a lie I will own up. I'm not trying to hide. I'm not putting my head in the sand and pretending there are not problems." He consistently said he was doing his best to answer the questions as truthfully as he could.

Mr Maxwell, 36, Ian, his brother, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, deny conspiracy to defraud by misusing shares that the prosecution allege belong to the pension funds.

The trial continues.

Real ale toast to share offer

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

SURPRISED drinkers of Samuel Adams, a beer made in Boston, are finding that their usual six-pack comes with a share application form printed on the packaging inviting them to buy stock in the brewing company. Those who do their homework will find that they would be crazy not to take up the offer.

For while high-technology shares have been the darling of the New York stock market this year, they are being overtaken in performance terms by beer. And not just any beer. "Microbrewery" beer, or real ale, made by small companies, is America's latest drinking fad. And the breweries are going public with startling results. Redhook Ale Brewery, for example, recently went public at $17 a share. The price shot up 50 per cent on the first day of trading and has since settled at around $30. Put another way, the price to earnings ratio went from a generous 45 times to a staggering 80 times.

Boston Beer, maker of Sam Adams and several other brews, and the largest microbrewery in the US, is determined to get on this money wheel by attracting a lot of small investors — hence the coupon on the six-pack. This should not only attract Sam Adams drinkers to buy the shares, but potential investors to buy the beer. Each customer is allowed $495 worth of shares — irrespective of how much he or she drinks.

It might seem as if there could be little upside potential, with the shares being issued at $15 each or 54 times last year's earnings, but market experts predict the price will go racing up within days.

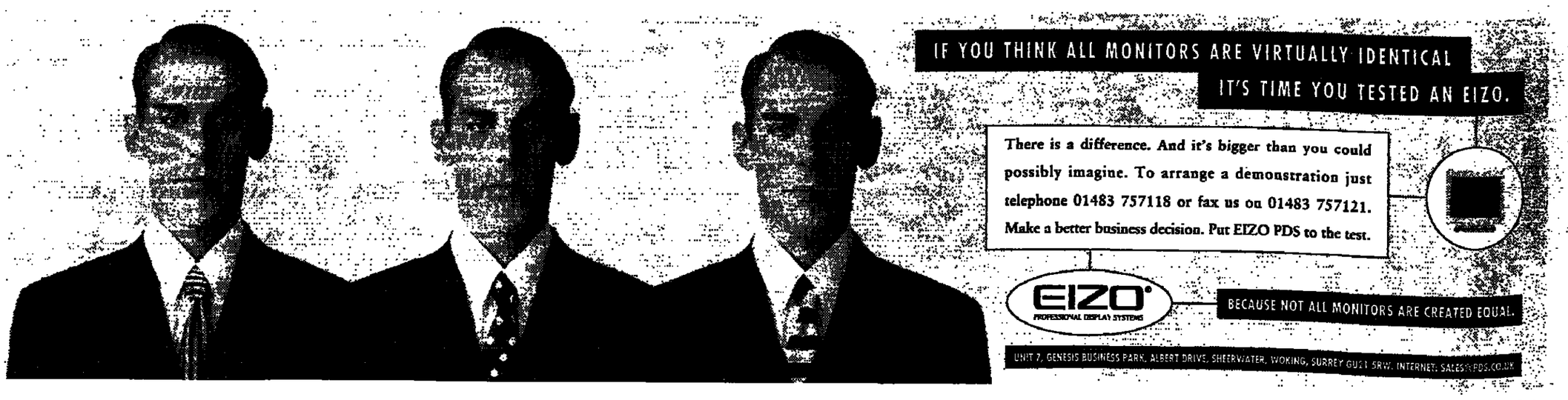
Pete's Brewing Co, the second largest US microbrewer which uses the "Pete's Wicked" brand name, is also going for a public offering at $15 a share, as is Hart Brewing.

Soon, the newly created millionaires of the high-tech computer industry look like being joined by the newly created millionaires of the brewing business.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.04
Austria Sch	16.79	15.39
Belgium Fr	49.08	48.78
Canada $	2.243	2.093
Cyprus Cyp£	0.755	0.700
Denmark Kr	8.91	8.61
Finland Mkk	7.32	6.97
France Fr	8.17	7.82
Germany Dm	2.40	2.28
Greece Dr	385.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.89	11.99
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.955
Israel Shk	5.1900	4.8400
Italy Lira	2625.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	178.00	163.00
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlds Gld	2.665	2.495
New Zealand $	2.56	2.36
Norway Kr	10.48	9.69
Portugal Esc	249.00	230.50
S Africa Rd	nyt.	5.44
Spain Pta	200.50	187.50
Sweden Kr	11.16	10.36
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Lira	refer	78068.0
USA $	1.581	1.551

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



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☐ Rec-on-Rec bid could be the next twist ☐ Political need outweighs economic sense ☐ Taxpayers lose out again in rail sale

All to play for in the power game

☐ AFTER a half-time interval lasting almost a month, the whistle has blown again for the second half in the great electricity sell-off. Everything must go, and most of the sector already has; those managements not yet singled out by predators are beginning to wonder where they have gone wrong.

They need not worry. The list of suitors has not shortened greatly now that Central and South West has found its match. In fact, it has not shortened at all, because Houston Industries, CSW's partner in the failed assault on Norweb, still has a confirmed interest in UK power.

Two other big American utilities, Pacificorp and Pacific Gas & Electric, have also been frustrated of late, in their case in attempts to buy into Australia, and will therefore be looking at Britain again. There are plenty of others, including the long list that spoke to Seeboard before yesterday's deal.

What has held the match up has been the regulatory uncertainty hanging over two of the most recent bids, those by the generators National Power and PowerGen for two other Recs. Opinion swings back and forth on whether these will be allowed through without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, but the reckoning on balance must be that the bids will succeed. Once this happens, the next logical development must be a Rec-on-Rec bid, as two of the remaining four as yet unbid for attempt to hammer this new combination through the competition authorities.

CSW, having lost out to an unexpected rival for the hand of Norweb, has put enough on the table to make this one sure. It is dangerous to label any new price as the high-water mark for power bids, but the remaining four distributors will be lucky to see its like when their time comes. London and Yorkshire are still clear candidates, and the latter is comfortably close geographically to Norweb, Houston's initial choice. East Midlands, now stripped of unwise diversification and run by a management which extols shareholder value above all else, is done up in candy-striped paper and pink bows and just awaiting the right offer.

The odd one out is South Wales, least regarded in terms of growth opportunities and with the added uncertainty of a huge cable franchise that is of doubtful value as yet. One other possibility remains. If Rec-generator mergers are allowed, then a sufficiently well-heeled corporate predator from outside, which cannot find the appropriate small distributor, can always go one step up the food chain by bidding for one of the generators, so acquiring its accompanying Rec at the same time. For those speculators counting their gains from the sector so far, this looks a good bet.

Tax cuts at any rate

☐ ANOTHER horribly anaemic snapshot from British manufacturing yesterday restarted a small bandwagon rolling in favour of lower interest rates. But a politically imperilled Government will probably still opt to cut



taxes instead. This may make little economic sense, but when did economics really come into the equation so close to a general election?

Lower interest rates are more justifiable than tax cuts. The CSO's longer leading indicator fell for the 16th month in a row in October and is far weaker than other cyclical indicators precisely because it is more heavily weighted towards those sectors of the economy which are interest rate-sensitive, such as the housing market.

The Chancellor is under enormous pressure to reduce taxes, not interest rates, although many a Conservative backbencher would die and go to heaven if both could be delivered. But the argument for tax cuts is weak. Using slowing growth to justify these would go against the grain of Conservative economic philosophy, which has consistently opposed using fiscal policy as a tool of demand management.

In addition, public borrowing, which has shown virtually no improvement from last year, makes large tax cuts look profligate. The Treasury has been pinning its hopes ever more keenly on October's borrowing figures, out next Thursday and including the first big corporation tax payment of the year. Rapid growth last year should mean bumper receipts, it says — but to make a difference, the turnround from net borrowing to net receipts would have to be bigger than at any time in the last decade.

The Bank of England, which tomorrow delivers its *Inflation Report*, has only reluctantly abandoned its campaign for higher interest rates. Big, politically inspired tax cuts could easily provoke the Bank into resuming the fight.

Roscos hitting the buffers

☐ SELLING the Roscos, the three companies that own the trains, promised to be the easiest, least controversial and most lucrative part of rail privatisation. Even the Labour Party was in favour of leasing rolling stock. But something has gone wrong.

The beauty of the Roscos was that their £3 billion of nominal assets are contracted to return more than that in "capital revenues", or free cash flow, over the first ten years. They looked a dream for banks — especially expanding foreign banks needing the tax allowances that come with a leasing book — and train manufacturers, who could manipulate the contracts to lease new stock steadily to operators. Hambros, the Government's adviser, found plenty of interest. It was asked to make 158 presentations in all to interested investors, two-thirds abroad. By now, the Roscos should have been sold for at least £2 billion.

Sadly, the curse of rail privatisation has struck. Japanese banks are not expanding. Labour is miles ahead in the polls and, worst of all, gimlet-eyed bankers noticed that the contracts might be worthless if thinly capitalised operating companies went bust. Of late, the financial ground has been tilted heavily towards operators, but too late. After all that world marketing, two of the three will likely go to management buy-outs. As usual, taxpayers will get a lot less than they should.

It's only fair

☐ BEFORE he disappears in a flurry of knee-jerk criticism, Richard Lapthorne, of British Aerospace, is entitled to some fair comment. Mr Lapthorne has gained, but so have shareholders, which is what share options are supposed to be about. He personally restructured the finances and capped the liabilities of a business that, when he started, stood a good chance of crashing into the runway.

ABF beats expectations and plans scrip issue

By Patricia Tehan

ASSOCIATED British Foods, which makes Sunblest bread and Silver Spoon sugar, beat market expectations yesterday with a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £375 million for the year to September 16.

The shares jumped 16p to close at 704p after ABF said it planned a one-for-one bonus share issue to make its shares more accessible to investors and to attract small shareholders. It plans to ask shareholders for approval at the annual meeting in December.

A second interim dividend of 4.5p on each of the increaed number of shares is to be paid on March 1 after shareholders have approved the bonus issue. That represents the equivalent of a total increase of 9.4 per cent on the interim dividends paid in 1994.

Although ABF spent £355 million on Kraft's oil and fats business and Karlshamns, among other acquisitions last year, it has yet to indicate how it intends to spend its £600 million cash mountain.

Garry Weston, ABF chairman, said: "We are very pragmatic. We are looking at four different opportunities to spend money." These include "small bolt-on opportunities" and building new factories, he said, as well as investment in the Pacific and growing economies around the world.

The profits rise was achieved on sales up 9 per cent at £4.9 billion. British Sugar provided the biggest share of profits. Its profits were 10 per cent higher at £184 million.

Mr Weston said that after a five-year decline in profitability, Allied Bakeries improved its trading results.

This, he said, justified the capital expenditure invested in the business. Allied Mills reported marginally lower profits after a fall in flour prices early in the year, he said.

ABF's retail outlets in Ireland and the UK lifted operating profits by 17 per cent to £55 million after charging initial reorganisation costs incurred on the acquisition of One Up stores from Storehouse. ABF said its other UK manufacturing operations had a satisfactory year, although its biscuits and crispbread companies were hit by a fall in demand during the warm summer months and increased competition from abroad.

Mr Weston said sales in the last six weeks of trading had risen by about 3-4 per cent, but margins had stood still. He said the squeeze would remain on margins until the UK economy was more buoyant.

Mr Weston said that while the company would be unlikely to be able to recover the increase in costs it had faced over the past years, particularly in paper and packaging, the level of cost increases had begun to slow.

BAT moves bosses to the Big Smoke

By Alasdair Murray

BAT, the tobacco and financial services company, is embarking on a major reorganisation of its top management in an attempt to improve sales of its global tobacco brands.

From January, executives from BAT's worldwide subsidiaries will be based at the company's London headquarters. The move is an attempt to improve co-ordination between the subsidiaries as they market local and international brands in emerging areas. It will also aim to establish a common company culture.

A new company, British-American Tobacco (Holdings) Ltd will be created, but the four existing subsidiaries, Brown and Williamson in the US, Souza Cruz in Brazil, BAT Germany, and BATco, will remain in place to ensure the changes have no direct effect on the company's tax or legal status.

Martin Broughton, group chief executive at BAT, said: "This more cohesive structure should enable us to deliver faster growth and take better advantage of the opportunities in tobacco."

BAT expects that, over the next few years, the bigger regional operatives will return to their old headquarters.

Tobacco was the big contributor in BAT's 22 per cent rise in interim profits to £1.15 billion.

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Hickson suffering comes out in wash

By Martin Barrow

THE repercussions of last year's so-called soap wars between Unilever and Procter & Gamble continue to blight Hickson International, supplier of manganese catalyst, the controversial ingredient in Persil Power detergent.

Shares in Hickson fell 12p to 87p yesterday after the company gave warning that second-half profits would fall significantly short of market expectations. Hickson also announced the departure of Dennis Kerrison, chief executive.

At the operational level, the company expects to barely break even. But it must absorb exceptional costs of £13 million as it undertakes a substantial reorganisation. The company earned £6 million before tax in the first half.

Hickson was hit hard by the battle for market share between Unilever and Procter & Gamble last year, when Unilever stopped buying manganese catalyst. The contract with Unilever would normally have contributed about a third of group profits.

James Hann, chairman, will assume the chief excutive's duties until a replacement is found for Mr Kerrison. "The company needs a different style of leadership," Mr Hann said.

Mr Kerrison will remain in a consultative capacity to complete the sale of Hickson Kerley, Hickson's North American performance products business, to the Tessenderlo Group for about $33.5 million.

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You can purchase a luxury apartment almost anywhere in London – but only one gives you this bird's eye view of the Houses of Parliament.

It's a truism in the property world that in London, money can buy anything. A luxury specification, security, an impressive address – all can be purchased with the right number of zeros on your cheque.

But there is one thing that is increasingly beyond price – an outstanding view from the window. Obviously, many buyers are happy simply overlooking a quiet square or a row of identical Regency properties. But for sheer drama and breathtaking splendour there is only one address in London worth considering at the moment – Peninsula Heights. Few apartment buildings in the world are as dramatically located.

Set on the sweeping bend of the Thames by Vauxhall Bridge, it enjoys direct views of the river with a panorama that encompasses the Palace of Westminster, Tate Gallery and Chelsea Embankment. Not surprisingly, the apartments are steadily being acquired by prominent figures in the business and social world. Best selling author and Parliamentarian, Lord Archer (Jeffrey Archer), for example, occupies the penthouse and enjoys both the views and the building's luxury hotel standard facilities. Peninsula Heights has its own gymnasium and sauna, the lobby is staffed by a uniformed receptionist and doorman – and relaxing sofas give visitors a chance to view the Thames before being whisked upstairs to absorb the view from greater heights.

This unique building is yet another hallmark project from Regalian Properties who are noted for their sensitive developments. Peninsula Heights offers a superb choice of outstandingly appointed one to four bedroom apartments together with one exceptionally fine five bedroom apartment. All have the latest German appliances and granite work surfaces designed to create a functional and eye-catching kitchen. The en-suite bathrooms and shower rooms are equally elegant with marble vanity counters and fully tiled walls and floors. The building also boasts individually controlled air cooling to all apartments providing a level of sophistication not found in other comparably priced buildings in London.

Security is treated seriously too with CCTV cameras, video door entry and a private car park with access via individually coded security tags. Prices span a wide range from £245,000 rising steadily to £3.25 million.

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Seeboard deal rekindles interest in power firms

SPECULATIVE interest was rekindled among the regional electricity companies with news of an agreed £1.6 billion bid for **Seeboard** from Central & South West, the American utilities group.

Central & South West is offering 635p in cash for Seeboard, the seventh regional electricity company to come under the hammer so far this year. The US company formed part of the Texas Energy Partnership consortium that made an unsuccessful bid for Norweb earlier this year. Seeboard responded to the news with a rise of 96p to 627p.

But it was the reaction of the other regional electricity companies that cheered the speculators. The buyers quickly came in for **Northern Electric**, which had fought off an approach from Trafalgar House, with the shares climbing 37p to 915p. There was also support for **South Wales**, up 34p to 960p, **Yorkshire**, 31p to 929p, after touching 935p, **East Midland**, 24p to 919p and **London**, 17p to 923p.

Hanson firmed ¼p to 192p after announcing plans to buy the Powerhouse Retail chain from the consortium of regional electricity companies that own the business. No price has been disclosed for the loss-making venture that, at the last count, had assets of almost £21 million. One partner in the consortium is Eastern, which was recently bought by Hanson. The others are **Midlands Electricity**, 1p dearer at 970p, and **Southern**, 1p easier at 954p, which has a bid on the table from National Power.

Share prices generally closed at their best of the day after a hesitant start. Investors seemed reluctant at first to chase prices higher in the wake of Friday's record-breaking performance on Wall Street. They seemed concerned that the Dow Jones industrial average would fall sharply as profit-takers moved in when business resumed after the weekend break. In the event, New York opened steady.

Sentiment in London was underpinned by the latest decline in industrial production, which traders hoped would provide the peg for the next cut in interest rates. But there is unlikely to be any move on that front before tomorrow's *Inflation Report* from the Bank of England.

Trading conditions generally were thin, with fewer than 700 million shares having changed hands by the close. This figure was boosted by the turnover in Seeboard, which amounted to 114 million shares.



David George, left, and Ted Tuppen, of Enterprise Inns

In the thin conditions, companies such as **Zeneca** made headway, touching a new peak of £12.10 before settling at £12.08, up 26p. Heavy buying of the shares on Friday appears to have left market-makers short of stock. **Glaxo Wellcome** was another firm market, adding 20p at 871p after denying rumours circulating in the Square Mile on Friday that it had been hit by the taxman for £1.5 billion.

Marks & Spencer firmed 3p to 407p before interim figures later today. In spite of the tough conditions for retailers, the group is expected to enjoy another reasonable performance. Pre-tax profit estimates range from £375 million to £390 million, compared with £359 million last time.

The disposal, at long last, of its US Keebler snack foods operation lifted **United Biscuits** 9p to 270p. **Inflo Holdings**, a joint venture between Flowers Industries and Artal Luxembourg, has paid £316 million. UB says there should be news soon about the sale of Keebler's salty snack and frozen food business. It will use the proceeds to reduce debt.

Better than expected trading news lifted **Associated British Foods**, the Twinings Tea and Silver Spoon sugar group, 14p to 702p. Pre-tax profits were up from £324 million to £375 million. The biggest boost came from British Sugar. During the year, the group spent £355 million on acquisitions, but it still has funds totalling £601 million on deposit with the bank.

Half-year figures from **British Airways** came in towards the top end of brokers' forecasts, with pre-tax profits up from £265 million to £295 million in the second quarter. It stretched the figure for the first six months from £349 million to £430 million. The group attributed its improved performance to rapid growth in passenger volume and increased efficiency. It said that passenger and cargo growth both remained strong.

A profits warning and the departure of Tom Hickson, chief executive, left **Hickson International** nursing a fall of 12p at 87p. The group said that profits in the second half would fall short of market expectations. Brokers had been looking for a final figure of about £13 million, compared with £19.2 million last time, but have now reduced their estimates as low as £6 million in some cases. The troubled specialist chemicals distributor plans to cut jobs and has a number of disposals lined up.

Enterprise Inns, the pub chain operator, of which Ted Tuppen is chief executive, made a confident start in first-time trading. Offered at 145p, the shares touched 151p before ending the session at 149½p, a premium of 4½p. Almost 5 million shares had changed hands by the close.

Heritage Bathrooms also had a positive start. Offered at 125p, the shares opened at 147p and ended at the best of the day at 151p, a premium of 26p.

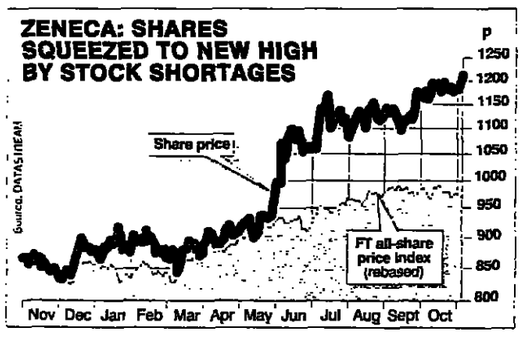
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The market managed to claw back Friday's losses, helped by the continued absence of sellers. Prices were squeezed higher in thin trading, with sentiment bolstered by the decline in industrial production and firmer German bunds.

But trading remained thin. In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt rose £15/32 to £107½, but the total number of contracts completed was a meagre 22,000.

In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £½ to £99 19/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¼ better at £103.

☐ **NEW YORK**: The Dow Jones industrial average was softer in early trading. At midday, the index was down 1.81 points to 4,823.76.

Crédit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, takes issue with its rivals over the outlook for the insurance composites. It has stuck its neck out, claiming that earnings will decline across the board over the next four years. Sun Alliance fell 11p to 366p, while Royal Insurance retreated 7p to 381p before figures on Thursday.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):		
Dow Jones	4823.76	(-1.81)
S&P Composite	569.98	(-0.59)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	18039.97	(+8.17)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	9736.10	(-119.70)
Amsterdam:		
EOE Index	453.32	(-2.33)
Sydney:		
AO	2106.8	(+15.2)
Frankfurt:		
DAX	2165.79	(-15.95)
Singapore:		
Straits	2095.81	(-1.47)
Brussels:		
General	7806.71	(+2.28)
Paris:		
CAC-40	1822.64	(-9.46)
Zurich:		
SKA Gen	695.60	(-3.00)
London:		
FT 30	2572.8	(+7.9)
FT 100	3514.6	(+14.4)
FT-SE Mid 250	3887.7	(+14.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1749.7	(+7.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1405.25	(+10.43)
FT A All-Share	1728.27	(+6.29)
FT Non Financials	1830.05	(+10.27)
FT Fixed Interest	112.41	(-0.15)
FT Govt Secs	94.09	(+0.24)
Bargains	29928	
SEAQ Volume	659.1m	
USM (Datastrm)	184.43	(-0.01)
US$	1.5795	(-0.0002)
German Mark	2.2338	(-0.0027)
Exchange Index	84.3	(same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)		
ECU	1.1902	
SDR	1.0610	
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%)	Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%)	Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92		...
Abtrust Sml Wts	32½		...
Alpha Omikron ()	17		...
Arlon Props	9		...
Chartwell Intl	50		...
Cons Coal (50)	66	–	2
Creos Int	104		...
Enterprise Inns (145)	149½		...
Fleming Jpn C	101		...
German Str Wts	17		...
Guinness Flight	94	–	1
Guinness Flight L	195		...
Guinness Flight W	11	–	1
Hay & Robertson	37		...
Heritage Baths (125)	151		...
Indpt Radio	114		...
Intl Greetings	523		...
MultiMedia (45)	51	+	1
Murray Vct	103		...
Northern Venture	101		...
Perp UK Sml C (100)	102		...
Preston Nth (400)	400		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

First Choice n/p (60)	4½		...
Quality SP n/p (535)	128	–	1
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	5½	–	½
Superscape n/p (330)	46		...
Wellington U n/p (100)	2		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		
Clyde Blowers	185p	(-27p)
Mitel	371p	(-15p)
Argos	523p	(-16p)
BPB Ind	290p	(-9p)
Sage Group	270p	(-8p)
Stanley Leisure	336p	(-9p)
Boots	550p	(-14p)
BAT	539p	(-13p)
Glaxo Wellcome	871p	(-20p)
AB Food	704p	(-16p)
Smith&Nine	646p	(-12p)
FALLS:		
Hickson	87p	(-12p)
Azlan	485p	(-20p)
Amersham	920p	(-26p)
Sun Alliance	366p	(-11p)
Micro Focus	560p	(-13p)
Mersey Docks	443p	(-10p)

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TEMPUS

Broken biscuits

NO ONE likes stale biscuits: in the wrapper they may look fine but once past their sell-by date, they are only fit for the bin. The stock market took heart yesterday from news that United Biscuits had sold Keebler, finally ridding the company of an underperformer.

However, the $500 million sale of the cookies and crackers division of US subsidiary Keebler may provide only temporary relief from the downward spiral of the United share price. Yesterday's deal was not embarassing, expectations of the disposal proceeds have slimmed since the intention to sell was announced in July. The three divisions of Keebler are expected to attract sale proceeds of some $600 million, against an expected $800 million when the sales were announced. Nevertheless, it undermines United's assertion that the sale of Keebler would raise enough funds to eliminate the company's debt problems. The City expects United to be left with gearing of around 40 per cent and a substantial interest charge.

Retreating from the US leaves United heavily exposed to the UK market, where McVities and KP no longer command customer loyalty. Meanwhile, the retailers are signalling that margins are going to be squeezed yet again with a price war.

United shareholders have put up with the company's crumbling share price in the hope that a bidder will step in with a generous offer. Today, that prospect looks less likely. Even after the Keebler sale is completed, potential predators will be looking at a price of some 25 times earnings, hardly cheap for a business that is looking stale. Shareholders should sell into the rally.

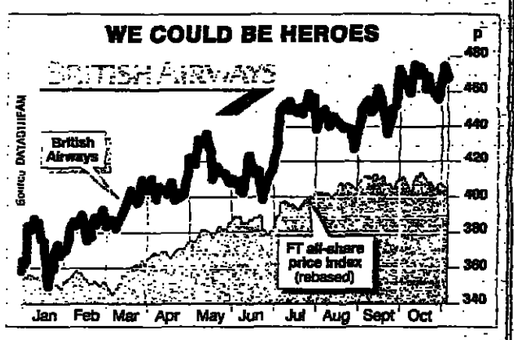
British Airways

TRAVELLERS and investors alike will find the latest management slogans at British Airways ("the world favours the brave" and "heroes don't have diaries") a little alarming.

In the same way that passengers in the departure lounge want to be reassured that the flight is routine with fine weather expected, investors prefer to own shares that rise steadily without excessive turbulence. No one wants a hero on the flight deck or in the boardroom intent on executing a loop-the-loop.

Fortunately, BA now has a better chance than ever to deliver steady out-performance, assuming the would-be heroes are not about to take over the controls. International air traffic out of the UK is set to rise by between 5 and 6 per cent annually until the end of the century while capacity growth remains subdued. Just over 400 aircraft will be added to the world airline industry next year compared with more than 800 in 1991.

The fundamentals for profitable expansion look good. With the hapless USAir being courted by its bigger rivals, BA can look forward to a profitable exit from its investment and code-sharing with a bigger US carrier. BA's strongest card is not its brand or its worldwide network but its position at Heathrow and the big US carriers will be scrambling to get access to the high-yielding Heathrow traffic.



BAT

MANAGEMENT consultants are a weak alternative to developing ideas in-house. The news that the boys from Bain have been crawling over BAT's tobacco operations is likely to arouse anxiety among investors. In this case, the outcome looks sensible and the only criticism will come from those who wonder why BAT took so long to act.

BAT is streamlining the decision-making process in a organisation where, too often, different arms waving different products were fighting each other for the same customers. It is a problem being confronted by oil companies such as Shell and BP who have embarked on management shake-ups.

BAT is really four tobacco companies operating out of America, Brazil, Germany and the UK. The opening up of markets in the developing world has turned tobacco from a cash cow into a growth industry for BAT but has led to each of its operating companies launching separate marketing drives into Eastern Europe.

The new structure should eliminate duplicate effort but also raises the bigger question of whether BAT is being groomed ultimately to do the splits. The market wonders about expansion in financial services, while tobacco in the past has been blamed for lowering the share rating. That is hardly a reason to demerge today, as tobacco is growing fast and the excitement in the financial sector is led by the expectation of bids, not profits.

Hickson

HICKSON was never a one-product company but it came very close to being a one-client company with a third of its profits coming from a single contract with Unilever. Unfortunately, the contract related to production of the key ingredient of Persil Powder, Unilever's notorious washing powder that was discontinued after a war of words with the soap manufacturer's main rival.

The question arises how Hickson could have allowed itself to rely so heavily on a single product to a single customer but the problems did not end there. Capacity at its Castleford plant fell to 60 per cent over production breakdowns, and the sale of Hickson Kerley took a year to complete.

There is a profitable operation within Hickson and the new management reckons the layoffs and improved management at Castleford will deliver cost savings of £6 million per annum but Hickson has little time to get it right. Industry analysts reckon the chemical cycle is at or near its peak, which suggests that full recovery by 1998 — the company's deadline — will be too late for most shareholders.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	918-916	Mar	1057-1035
Mar	951-950	May	1045-1040
May	969-968	Jul	unq
Jul	987-984	Sep	
Sep	1004-1003		
Dec	1021-1019	Volume: 2569	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2485-2475	Jul	2145-2135
Jan	2322-2320	Sep	2095-2075
Mar	2260-2259	Nov	2070-2050
May	2190-2185	Volume: 2119	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	321.6-20.7
Spot: 396.5		Oct	291.6-90.5
Dec	369.0-68.0	Dec	286.6-85.5
Mar	338.6-38.2	Mar	284.6-83.5
May	329.5-28.2	Volume: 2869	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 3

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	100.07	109.32	127.16
(+/-)	+4.08	+3.51	-0.23
Eng/Wales:	100.07	109.95	127.48
(+/-)	+4.08	+3.75	-0.25
(%)	+16.0	+5.0	+5.0
Scotland:	unq	105.71	124.00
(+/-)		+3.08	-0.40
(%)		+49.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.75	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.50	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.30	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.75	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.55	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 186 (+2)	O: 188 (+2)	
Gasoil EEC	157 (-1)	158 (-1)	
Non EEC 1H Nov	157 (-1)	158 (-1)	
Non EEC 1H Dec	157 (-1)	158 (-1)	
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (-2)	85 (-2)	
Naphtha	155 (m/e)	157 (+1)	

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	155.25-55.50	Feb	152.75 BID
Dec	154.00-54.25	Mar	151.50-51.75
Jan	153.50-53.75	Vol: 20444	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.50-16.52	Mar	16.00 BID
Jan	16.30-16.32	Apr	unq
Feb	16.14 BID	Vol: 22960	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	124.40	Nov	115.75
Jan	127.15	Jan	118.55
Mar	129.00	Mar	120.75
May	130.90	May	125.00
Jul	132.50	Sep	109.50
Volume: 488		Volume: 65	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	175 0
Apr	285.0	286 5
May	unq	330.0
Volume 75		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Clf p/kg)

Dec 103.75-104.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1660	1630	1630
Dec 95	1670	1640	1640
Jan 96	1672	1639	1639
Apr 96	1655	1615	1619
Vol: 263 lots		Open interest: 3712	
Index 1543 +1			

(Official) (Volume prev day)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — **Reuter Wolff**

	Cash:	3mth:	Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3000.0-3005 0	2837 0-2839.0	1979450
Lead ($/tonne)	690.00-691.00	689.00-690 00	145775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1048.0-1049.0	1070.0-1071.0	573125
Tin ($/tonne)	6385.0-6390 0	6405.0-6415.0	31870
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1685.0-1686.0	1721.0-1722.0	1043090
Nickel ($/tonne)	8711.0-8715.0	8815.0-8820.0	81018

Calls

Nov	133	88½	50	23½	8	1½
Dec	162	124½	89½	60	38	23
Jan	186½	149	119	89½	68	48½
Feb	206½	171	141	111	89	66½
Jun	256	—	192½	—	141	—

Puts

Nov	5	10	23	49	88	138
Dec	23½	37	54	77	106½	144
Jan	40½	54	74	96½	125½	158½
Feb	49¾	64½	84½	106	134½	165
Jun	97½	—	133	—	181	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3514)

3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650

Calls

Nov	113	68½	30	13½	4	1½
Dec	162	124½	89½	60	38	23
Jan	186½	149	119	89½	68	48½
Feb	206½	171	141	111	89	66½
Jun	256	—	192½	—	141	—

Puts

Nov	5	10	23	49	88	138
Dec	23½	37	54	77	106½	144
Jan	40½	54	74	96½	125½	158½
Feb	49¾	64½	84½	106	134½	165
Jun	97½	—	133	—	181	—

November 6, 1995 Tot: 25832 Call: 8917 Put: 16915 FT-SE Call: 2060 Put: 6476

*Underlying security price.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Dom. 460	38	44½	47½	7½	10½	18
(*460) 500	13	22½	29	36½	40	37
Argyll 300	15½	24	27½	10½	15	20½
(*305) 330	5½	11	14½	30½	33	38½
ASDA 90	10	12	14½	2	3	4½
(*97) 100	4½	7	9	6½	7½	9
Boots 550	19	31	38½	17½	23¾	31
(*550) 600	4½	12	18½	56½	58	62½
Br Airways 460	21½	33	40	14	19	25
(*466) 500	7	15½	22	40½	43	48
BP 460	19½	28	34	10	16½	20½
(*469) 500	4½	11	16½	36½	40½	43½
Br Steel 140	15½	19½	21½	2	3½	6
(*154½) 160	4½	8½	11	11	12½	16
C & W 420	21½	36	43½	12½	20	26
(*428½) 460	6½	18½	25½	37½	43	48
CU 600	33	42	50	16½	31	36
(*606½) 650	12½	20½	28½	46½	62	65½
ICI 750	40	54½	64½	11	26	30½
(*775) 800	20½	29	39½	35½	52½	56½
Kingfishr 460	28½	39½	44½	10½	22	27½
(*470) 500	10	19½	25½	32½	44	49½
Land Sec 550	37½	48½	54	5	9	17½
(*582½) 600	9	20	35	29	32	42½
M & S 300	25	33½	38	6	10	14½
(*407) 430	9	17	22	20	24	29
Nat West 600	52	67	71½	7½	20	29
(*637) 650	21½	33½	45½	28	45	53½
Sainsbury 360	31½	41	44½	2½	5½	10
(*387½) 390	13	22½	27	13½	17	22½
Shell 700	44	55	59	4	12½	17
(*731) 750	13½	24	30	24	37	40½
Smkl Bch. 600	52½	67	77	5½	12	15
(*647) 650	23½	37	47½	22½	31	34½
Storehse 280	16	22½	29½	7	11	14½
(*288½) 300	6½	12	19½	18	21	24½
Trailsgar 20	5	6½	8	2½	3	4
(*23) 25	2½	4½	6	5½	6	6½
Unilever. 1200	39	61	72	19	36	41½
(*1215) 1250	14½	34½	47	47½	63	68
Zeneca 1300	61	88	108½	37½	61½	72
(*1209½) 1250	37	63½	84	64	86½	98½

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA 460	43	54½	61	3½	6½	11½
(*498½) 500	16	28	36½	16½	21	26½
Thames W 500	33	45½	53½	10	15½	20
(*515½) 550	10½	22½	28	39	42	53½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	37½	53	59	0	9	16
(*536½)	550	4	23½	30½	15½	28½	40
BTP	330	5	17	20½	2½	9½	15½
(*332½)	360	0	5½	9½	27½	28	34½
Br Aero	700	19½	51	63½	5½	22½	36
(*713½)	750	1½	28	40½	37½	49	62
Br Telcm	360	8½	18	24	1½	11½	14
(*366½)	390	0	5½	11	23½	32	33
Cadbury	500	27	47½	51	1½	14	20
(*524½)	550	2½	22½	26½	27	36½	45½
Guinness	500	12	30	36½	2	11	20
(*509)	550	0	9	14	41	42	49
GEC	300	17	23½	31	0½	6	7½
(*316)	330	1	7½	15½	14½	20½	22
Hanson	191	3½	9	—	2½	6½	—
(*193)	211	0	2½	—	18	22½	—
LASMO	140	10½	16½	19½	0½	4	6
(*150)	160	0½	6	9½	10½	13½	16
Lucas	180	17	34½	27½	0	3	6
(*196½)	300	2	12½	15½	5½	11	14
Pilkington	180	15½	21½	27½	0	3½	5
(*195)	200	2	10	15½	6	11½	13
Prudential	360	19½	32	36	2	13	19
(*403)	420	2	17	21½	19	26	35
Reuters	330	9	24½	31	3	9	16½
(*336½)	360	0	11	16½	23½	26	34½
R-Royce	140	14½	19	21	0	2½	4½
(*154)	160	1	7½	10	6½	11	14
Tesco	280	5	16½	19½	3½	9½	15½
(*280½)	300	0	7½	10½	19½	22	27
Vodafone	260	15½	25	32	0½	8	11½
(*274)	280	3	14½	21½	7½	17	20½
Williams	300	19	27	31½	0	3½	8
(*318½)	330	1	10	14	12	16½	22½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	500	41	53	56	4½	16	19½
(*533)	550	11	24	28	23½	41	44½
Amstrad	280	16	26	33½	7½	13	17½
(*286½)	300	7½	16½	23½	18½	24½	27½
Barclays	750	27	46	55	17½	36	42½
(*754½)	800	8	23	33½	49	65½	71½
Blue Circ.	280	22	32	34½	3	8	14
(*296½)	300	10	20½	23½	10½	16½	24
Br Gas	220	14	20	23	3½	7	11
(*228½)	240	4	10	13	14	16½	22
Dixons	260	33½	43	51	3	9½	15
(*287½)	300	13½	25½	33½	13	22	25
Forte	240	19½	26½	29	1½	5½	9
(*256)	260	7	14	17½	8½	13½	17½
Tarmac	80	6½	10½	12	2	4	6½
(*83½)	90	2	6	7½	7½	10	12
Hillsdwn	140	21	24½	25½	0	2	3½
(*159½)	160	5½	11	12	4½	9½	12½
Lonrho	140	20½	22	24½	0½	3	3
(*159)	160	6	9	13	6	10½	11
Sears	100	6½	9½	11	1½	3½	5
(*104)	110	1½	4½	6	7	8½	10
Thm Emi	1450	50½	93	130	31½	48	52½
(*1468½)	1500	32	67½	102½	58½	74	76
Tomkins	240	12	18	24½	4	9	11½
(*246½)	260	3½	9	15	15	20	22
TSB	360	23	36½	35½	4	12	15½
(*379½)	390	5½	8½	16	17	20	30

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	47	60½	77	19½	33½	40½
(*869)	900	22½	35½	52	45½	59½	66½
HSBC	900	64½	87½	99	18½	42½	51½
(*935)	950	35½	60	73	40	66½	76
Reuter	550	47	60½	71½	10	18	23
(*582)	600	19½	32½	44½	30	40	46

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	31	41	49	7	18½	24½
(*379½)	390	14	25	33	20	34½	40

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	4½	5	0½	1	1½
(*264)	280	0½	0	0½	18	18½	20

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	25	39½	47½	0½	0½	1
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26	31½	32½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	21½	34	44	7½	14	20
(*479)	500	4½	15	24	29½	36	41
Scot Pwr	330	27½	31½	39	2	7½	9
(*352½)	360	9	16½	22	13	21	22

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3513.0	3542.0	3501.0	3537.0	8339
Previous open interest: 68450	Mar 96				3564.0	0
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3910.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.36	93.38	93.35	93.37	9503
Previous open interest: 343055	Mar 96	93.51	93.59	93.49	93.57	19304
	Jun 96	93 49	93.57	93 49	93.56	5551
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.26	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.63	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	95.95	95.98	95.95	95.98	7289
Previous open interest: 623180	Mar 96	96.15	96 18	96.13	96.17	16179
Long Gilt	Dec 95	107-03	107-19	106-31	107-16	21786
Previous open interest: 106592	Mar 96	106-23	106-23	106-23	106-29	200
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.82	121.99	121.82	121 91	2481
	Mar 96	120.46	120 62	120.46	120.58	1187
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.56	96.99	96.53	96.96	86553
Previous open interest: 209873	Mar 96	96.04	96.36	96.00	96.37	1198
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.37	94.37	94.33	94.36	482
Previous open interest: 20806	Mar 96	94.51	94.51	94.49	94.50	139
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.99	97.99	97.90	97.92	3301
Previous open interest: 52737	Mar 96	98.12	98.12	98.09	98.10	1024
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	102.60	102.96	103.32	102.84	28062
Previous open interest: 44774	Mar 96	102.10	102.50	101.78	102.42	358

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6%. Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼. Low 6 Week fixed: 6 11/16

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅝ ; 3 mth 6⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth: 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6⅜
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼
Interbank:	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼
Overnight: open 6¼, close 6 .					
Local Authority Depns:	6¼	n/a	6⅛	6

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

BA mission control

"HEROES don't have diaries" is one of a series of morale-boosting posters that have suddenly started appearing around the walls of the British Airways headquarters after the appointment of Robert Ayling as chief executive elect.

Ayling, who was forced at a press conference yesterday to deny he had actually thrown away his own diary, said the campaign was intended to encourage initiative among senior management. The poster features the crew of Apollo 13 asking Houston for help and being told: "I think there is a window next Tuesday."

Ten years after privatisation, Ayling said, BA was still too bureaucratic. "We are encouraging people to be brave, not reckless," he protested. "It is not always necessary for people to be in meetings and Apollo 13 wouldn't have made much headway in that kind of environment."

A political note has crept into takeovers. CS First Boston and Morgan Grenfell, merchant bankers to the latest electricity merger, drew on presidents and prime ministers for codenames while they thrashed out bid terms. Central and South West Corporation was President Coolidge. Seeboard was three-times prime minister (Lord) Salisbury.

Free water zone

EXPENSE claims on the office can only fall from here on. Gladwins, a new City restaurant that opened yesterday, promises never to charge for bottled water — "an area of traditional rip-off" the chef says. Meanwhile, Gladwins's ordinary coffee costs £2.50 and *cappuccino* £3.



"Says he's come to read the meter"

All together

A SEVEN-PERSON institutional broking team has moved from BWD Rensburg to Granville Davies, a rival broker in Leeds, and all of the team-members have been found desks in one large room at their new home. The seven bring with them analytical expertise in 140 companies, to complement the 90 or so companies Granville Davies already follows, and the move has been amicable, says Peter Morrison, new director.

Earth beat

SMALL London quake, not many hurt. The British Geological Survey of Nottingham reports seismic alerts in London on Saturday and Sunday. Residents of Kensington, Chelsea and Fulham told local police and Scotland Yard of "buildings shaking, candlesticks rocking and chandeliers swinging". A similar "event" occurred three years ago on August 8 and 9, when buildings were evacuated around Finsbury Park. Then, as now, the blame apparently falls on a rock group. Oasis was performing at Earls Court Exhibition Centre over the weekend, leading to 15 calls about "movement" from an area of one square mile. "No earthquakes or explosions were detected on the BGS seismograph network," a boffin says.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Driving towards a new way of paying to rebuild Britain

Construction groups want sweeteners in return for the burden of risk, says Ross Tieman

Public administration in Britain could be on the brink of its most fundamental revolution since the creation of the civil service. Or the construction industry may be about to get its own back for years of underpurchasing by its chief client — by rejecting the invitation to fund the renewal of Britain's ageing infrastructure under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

Construction industry bosses, many of whom are deeply sceptical about the PFI, are, of course, looking for sweeteners. With Kenneth Clarke's Budget just three weeks away, their chorus of despair is reaching a crescendo.

Michael Jack, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, claims to distinguish a more harmonious refrain. "People are seeing the potential," he says. "They want to motor quicker. That does not require a better carrot from the Government."

The veracity of these competing views will be tested over the coming months. The Government has set itself a target of letting PFI contracts leading to £5 billion of capital investment by April.

The £2.7 billion Channel Tunnel rail link, which ministers hope to sign off next month, would account for just over half of that. But with the balance made up from dozens of schemes, ranging in value from a few million to the £400 million contract to supply trains for the London Underground Northern Line, the Government still faces an uphill sweat to meet its target.

Enthusiasts portray the PFI as a miraculous device that will transform the face of public service provision in Britain. By tradition, public officials faced with a new instruction from Parliament proceed much as a manufacturer would when faced with a massive new order from a customer.

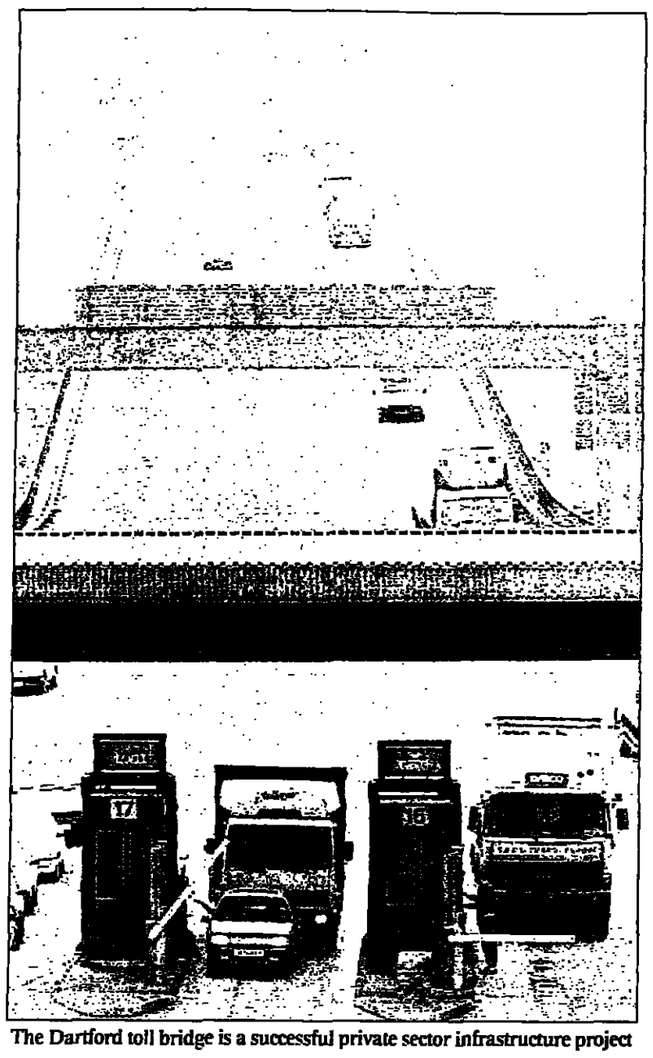
They draw up a plan to meet the contract, procure the building and the assets required, hire the staff and manage their workflow.

But the PFI turns the civil servant into a purchasing manager. Instead of undertaking the task himself, he seeks bids from the private sector to carry out a given job, and lets the contract to whoever promises the best service at the lowest price.

Instead of being invited to knock up a cut-price building with a decent chance of making a profit on the cost overrun claims, the private sector is being asked to stick its collective neck out.

It is being invited to design, build, finance and operate a given facility for up to 30 years. Putting together a £100 million district hospital project on this basis involves risks the like of which most construction bosses have never dreamt. No wonder there has been a two-year hiatus in the signing of new projects.

There are signs, however, that the order famine is now coming to an end.



The Dartford toll bridge is a successful private sector infrastructure project

Preferred bidders for the first four road schemes have now been selected. A similar cluster of hospital projects is poised to proceed. The Northern Line trains are under construction, a £120 million information technology contract has been agreed, and others will follow.

Such deals, the Government hopes, will create precedents that can be followed more quickly by the next generation of PFI schemes. Given that the Department for Education and Employment alone is listing 650 schemes that are open to PFI funding, establishing best practice and core contract terms is an urgent priority.

> "Savings have to be offset against the higher cost of private capital"

The PFI may seem the logical next step to a Government that has levered a sizeable swathe of former public sector activities into the realm of private industry in a programme that began with privatisation and has evolved through contracting out and the creation of agencies.

But the PFI's demands on government and industry alike achieve a different order of magnitude. A new kind of civil servant, the super-sophisticated purchasing manager, is required, capable of devising contracts with the flexibility to meet government needs in 15, 20 or even 30 years' time. For no private consortium is going to build dedicated facilities without a contract that guarantees repayment of funds borrowed within the lifetime of the asset and its revenue stream.

For many public service workers, too, this is likely to be traumatic. Secure, poorly-paid, low-productivity jobs will become harder and harder to find.

Many smaller contracting companies may suffer a similar fate. For PFI schemes of any size are going to require a new kind of company. Already, the bidders for the larger district hospital schemes are made up of consortia, usually embracing contractors, private medical groups, and facilities management companies.

The idea is that the private consortium will design a hospital that delivers the required level of service at the lowest possible cost over the life of the contract.

To achieve cost savings, the consortium may design a radically different hospital from those that have been built in the past. Layouts will be arranged to minimise the cost of service provision, in areas ranging from heating to security. Innovation is expected to extend to the finest detail. For example, since the consortium will be responsible for cleaning, it may use more costly materials at the outset, which are easier to keep clean, to save on running costs.

According to Douglas Hogg, the chief executive of the advisory Private Finance Panel and head of the Treasury's Private Finance Unit, initial results bear out expectations of savings of 20 per cent to 30 per cent over traditional ways of providing services.

But any savings have to be offset against the higher cost of capital to the private sector, and the premium demanded by companies for the hazard of assuming responsibility for a facility for decades, rather than just the couple of years it is under construction.

At the outset, ministers talked enthusiastically about transferring risk to the private sector. Now it is clear that the private sector is wary of risks it does not understand. Some projects have but a single bidder. Few have more than two or three.

That is partly a problem of funding. Because of the scale of the PFI, financing such projects is utterly beyond the abilities of the handful of companies equipped to undertake them. Mr Jack believes that about £25 billion could ultimately be required just to meet the capital cost of possible PFI schemes.

City merchant bankers and accountants, who have thus far focused their attentions on advising the Government on how best to structure PFI contracts, are now beginning to ponder how they can provide their private sector clients with the cash to undertake them.

We are also beginning to see the emergence of innovative funding vehicles. Hermes Investment Management, the pension fund administrator, has agreed to put up £100 million to sponsor the Innisfree PFI Fund. The prime purpose of this fund is to provide mezzanine finance for PFI projects, ranking between bank creditors and shareholders. But such investment funds are also likely to become repositories of expertise, acting both as experts in risk assessment, and as a conduit for best practice between projects.

In time, if the PFI takes off, at least two new business sectors are likely to develop on the stock exchange. On one hand will be huge, capital intensive undertakings owning assets such as roads and railways, much as exist in France and Spain, often charging the public directly for the services they provide.

On the other, a group of more service-oriented companies, which use specialist management expertise to run hospitals, sports centres, and even defence support facilities under contract to the Government.

But all that will depend on the carrots that Mr Clarke unveils in his Budget.

Tackling those tough decisions in business

Lindsay Cook on the second NatWest/ *The Times* Ethics Essay Competition

As Parliament last night voted on the Nolan committee recommendations, the second National Westminster Bank/*The Times* Business Ethics Essay Competition for undergraduates was launched. It is timely because for every MP being paid to represent an interest, there is a company to foot the bill. The ethics of Parliament, those in public life and business in general is of interest and involves all British companies.

Students have always been long on ethics and short on business experience. The competition hopes to bring the two together by posing an ethical dilemma for undergraduates to resolve in the space of a 1,000-word essay.

They are invited to consider what John Smith, the chief executive of Food Chain Stores, might do when trying to close one of his suburban branches. The chain needs to overhaul its operations and get rid of old stores and replace them with larger ones. The branch in question has a large number of low-income families as customers and the site would not allow sufficient expansion to increase the number of lines on the shelves and improve profitability.

> "Students are long on ethics but short on business experience"

While the shareholders will benefit from the closure of an uneconomic branch, Mr Smith receives hundreds of protest letters and when he visits the store is greeted by protesters and reporters. He has to decide whether to serve the community at the expense of the shareholders, or whether there is another solution.

It is a dilemma experienced by many bank chief executives. One of the Big Four banks unofficially defines its policy on branch closures as never allowing itself to be the last branch in a village or small town. The protests are always greater when pensioners and the poor have to travel miles to gain access to their money than when there is a branch of another bank or building society in the area to which they can transfer their allegiance and account.

The number of bank and building society branches is set to fall further in coming years, with mergers such as those between Lloyds Bank and TSB and the Halifax Building Society and Leeds Permanent taking place.

Assurances to staff that there will be no compulsory redundancies do not reassure customers, who have seen the number of branches decline rapidly in the past ten years.

The dilemma has applications to many businesses and has the interests of shareholders, staff, local councils and customers at its nub.

NatWest has a code of conduct that guides the actions of all employees worldwide. Derek Wanless, group chief executive, NatWest Group, said: "Ethics in business isn't just about integrity and honesty, it's about the values of the people you work with and the way you balance different stakeholder interests."

Mr Wanless is one of the judges for the competition. The others include Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*; Rabbi Julia Neuberger, chairman of Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust; John Monks, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress; and John Drummond, managing director, Integrity Works.

They will select the best six essays, and the authors will be invited to debate the dilemma and a further development at Food Chain Stores with the judges.

From the six will be selected the winner, who will receive a first prize of £3,000, plus a £3,000 award for their university or college. The second and third will receive prizes of £2,000 and £1,000, with matching cheques for their colleges. The winning essay will also be published in *The Times*.

All NatWest student branches have application forms for the competition, the closing date for which is January 31. Entry forms are also available from Paul Osgood, NatWest Group, Corporate Affairs Department, 2nd floor, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

The judges will meet to decide a shortlist during February. In March, the finalists will be invited to debate their entries with the judges.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Ways to assess and support pension scheme trustees

From the President, Pensions Management Institute

Sir, As President of the Pensions Management Institute, I was not surprised, although I was very disappointed, to have confirmed my suspicions by the survey on pension scheme trustees ("Pension trustees lacking expertise", November 1).

The Pensions Act 1995 places trustees centre stage in the running of pension schemes. They will be responsible for appointing the scheme's advisers and ensuring that the scheme is run to the standards set down in the regulations. It is vital that they are conversant with not only their own scheme's trusteeship arrangements but also their own role and responsibilities set out in the Act.

In my experience, the majority of large schemes try to ensure that the trustees are well trained, but, surprisingly, too few of them ask their trustees to undertake the independent assessment of their knowledge, which is provided by the Trustee Certificate offered by PMI. However, for the record, over 400 rather than the 45 trustees quoted in the survey have passed the Certificate, including all the trustees of the ICI Pension Fund.

Because the Institute is concerned that the trustees will find the new regime more onerous than in the past, it has recently launched a PMI Trustee Group. This will provide a forum for trustees to discuss topics of mutual interest and to receive updating material on a regular basis.

This is no substitute for the Certificate, but we hope that it will provide the support and encouragement which trustees will require post 1997.

Yours faithfully,
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4-10 Artillery Lane, E1.

Hong Kong encourages savings

From Mr R. V. Munden

Sir, In Graham Searjeant's otherwise excellent article ("Ageing lion should learn from the tigers", October 30), it was incorrect to say that "in Hong Kong, for instance, there are generous allowances against income tax, and allowances for dependent parents".

There is no income tax in Hong Kong; the nearest equivalent is salaries tax, and this fundamental difference in the tax regime has social and financial consequences which outweigh the effects of any family allowances.

The most important effect is to encourage saving. As dividends (and capital gains) are not taxed in the hands of Hong Kong investors, people save and invest. An enthusiastic and knowledgeable share-owning society has thus been created, which a has real stake in the industrial and commercial life of the territory.

Another effect is to encourage enterpreneurs. If you establish a business and work your guts out to make it a success while taking a low salary, you can become financially rich on untaxed dividend income, as can any other investors in your enterprise.

Imagine the effect on directors of privatised utility companies if their salaries were taxed and capital gains on share options were treated as salary, but dividends on shares of their company, whether obtained through options or on the open market, were not.

Yours faithfully,
R. V. MUNDEN,
Lower Woodbrook, Lowton, Taunton, Somerset.

Too few of Britain's manufacturers are investing to become world-class players

From Mr Ernie Stene

Sir, I read your article on the CBI industry survey report with great interest and believe it to be a clear indication that more UK manufacturers must adopt best practice. This will enable them to become world-class operations and lead the economy's growth with more conviction.

IBM has been involved in supplying mission-critical business solutions to the UK manufacturing sector for many years. A few months ago, IBM Consulting Group and the London Business School carried out some extensive research into the competitiveness of British manufacturers, and, of those companies that were analysed, only 2 per cent were world class. A significant number of the manufacturing plants that we looked at were virtually beyond hope, with 12 per cent being classified as "will not make the distance", 21 per cent being weaker still and 7 per cent being so poor that they were called "punchbags".

Clearly, too many manufacturers are not making systematic investments in best practice, and it is this "long tail" of UK manufacturing that is one of Britain's greatest concerns, particularly as competition continues to grow from all parts of the world. In 1994, the United Kingdom was Russia's second-largest export market.

Unless more of Britain's 130,000 manufacturers increase their investments in best practice, many will struggle to survive into the next century. This would have a devastating effect on the country's economy as manufacturing output contributes more than £100 billion to national output each year and employs 4.5 million people.

Yours faithfully,
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Chancellor should allow £6,000 a year to be earned free of tax

From Francis K. K. Ching

Sir, The tax on bank deposit interest has not been commented on in your recent coverage on the reform of capital gains tax and inheritance tax.

I feel that we should not ignore the unfairness of this tax on interest and its impact on the average taxpayer.

We do not have any statistics on individual saving levels. However, using the yearly maximum amounts allowed to save in a Tessa account as a guideline, the average person will receive about £2,000 total interest in five years' time. The total interest would have been about £1,500 after deduction of 25 per cent income tax if a similar amount was invested in a bank deposit account. Therefore, we are talking about a £500 tax benefit if we commit our savings to a five-year Tessa term.

In other words, the saver receives £100 tax benefit on average every year. This is hardly an incentive to save when compared with the £6,000 annual capital gains tax exemption allowance.

It does not need any wise man to see the unfairness of the tax system. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer does mean to encourage people to save, he should bring the interest tax exemption allowance level to the same level of the capital gains of £6,000 annually.

I believe this simple adjustment would not only redress the imbalance of tax on saving and investments, but would eventually lead to the end of the Tessa industry, so its manpower and resources can be put to better use.

Likewise, the higher tax-exempt allowance will make offshore accounts less attractive to the average savers.

Yours faithfully,
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Halifax house values

From Mr Bernard N. Steven-Fountain

Sir, I see that house prices continue to fall, 1.8 per cent over the last year, according to the Halifax, or 3.9 per cent, according to the Nationwide (November 2).

If I were in the market for a house, I should be sure to buy one through the Halifax, as they seem to hold their value better; or am I missing something?

Yours faithfully,
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32 Westbourne Park Road, Bournemouth, Dorset.

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2768½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2731½	+¾	4.7	10.2
577½	413	Abbey Nat	535	+ 3	4.5	10.7
330	250	Alfred Mcth	258	..	4.4	9.5
2880	198	Anz New Z	273	..	5.1	8.2
4075	2531½	Bank America	3737½	-37½	..	..
2707½	1911½	Bank Scotland†	249	+ 2	3.1	11.0
778	557½	Barclays	754½	+ 4½	3.7	10.3
4250	2800	Bk of Ireland	4232	..	3.8	8.5
595	418	Chas Fulton Allen	472	..	7.7	7.1
4662½	2650	Citicorp	4337½	-50	3.8	17.0
3407½	2164	Close Bros'V	3171	+ 3	3.4	..
2162½	1729	Commercial	2145½	+ 29	3.7	..
1375	993½	Do Ichi Kan Y	1087½	+ 25	0.5	..
3231½	2775	Deutsche Bk	2859½	+ 2½	2.6	..
881½	617½	Enskilla Sasco	712½	..	1.6	..
1911	1139½	Fuji Bank Y	1175	- 9½	0.8	..
490	395	Gerrard Nat	458	+ 2	5.4	14.3
2550	1880	Hanglong	2010	..	4.7	50.7
9651	569	HSBC	934	- 9	3.8	12.2
947	570	HSBC Hr	922	- 9	3.8	12.0
336	228	Irish Perm	333	..	3.6	7.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	453	- 10	4.9	25.3
845	62	King Shaxson	114	..	9.5	8.9
8000	5310	Lloyds	7975½	+ 2½	6.4	9.4
962	479	Mal Hgd Bk	548	..	6.9	8.5
689	454	Nat West	637	- 1	4.5	9.9
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500	..	6.5	3.4
67	44	Pos Brothers	45	..	2.5	19.0
569½	373½	Rpl Bk Scot	507	- 4	3.5	10.7
1478	1063	Standard Chtrd	1338	..	1.5	13.7
1188	1023½	Schroders NV	1105	..	1.6	15.7
110	87	Singer & Fried	106	..	4.4	11.0
529½	248	Standd Chart	517	- 4	2.1	13.0
383	217	TSB	379½	+ ½	3.9	13.7
121	70	Union	107	+ 2	3.5	..
2145½	984½	Wells Fargo†	2136½	..	2.1	..
359½	211	Westpac	282½	- ½	2.3	..
295	200	Wilkinson	295	..	4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
531	143	Adam Hldgs	211	- 1	..	0.4
589	481	Allied	560	- 3	4.1	19.2
438	339	Boddingtons	419	..	2.7	21.6
192	137	Burnonvil Grp	186	..	3.6	17.2
188	137	Eldridge P 'A'	175	..	3.1	30.9
65	51	Fosters Brewing	62½	..	4.8	..
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	410	+ 3	2.9	17.6
557	403	Greenalls Grp	543	..	3.4	14.5
858	459	Greene King	637	..	2.7	17.7
224	240	Hardy Hanton	224	..	4.5	13.0
160	150	Heantrose	150	..	4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Hpn J	3145	..	2.1	15.8
719	587	Marchfield	719	..	4.2	15.2
537	366	Mason Thop	366	..	2.1	17.2
6¾	6½	Paramount	6½	..	..	..
605	397	Regent Inns	574	+ 7	1.5	15.6
2454½	1287½	SA Breweries	2355	- 5	3.9	15.4
624	492	Scot & Nwc	585	- 5	3.9	15.4
258	208	Scot & Nwc P'P	258	..	..	..
1911	1511	Vaux Group	1911	..	4.8	14.5
628	448	Wolverhampton 10p	628	..	1.6	..
647	521	Whitbread	647	..	4.2	15.0
505	403	Wolverhampton D	463	..	3.4	15.0
196	156	Yates Brnt	196	..	1.4	15.6
478	258	Young A	458	..	4.1	12.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156	135	Aitken	136	..	4.9	5.8
197	137	Allen	197	..	4.6	11.2
141	94	Alpha Grp	141	..	4.3	12.9
132	102	Ashtead Sports	132	- 6	..	..
417	300	Ashtead	417	..	..	..
415	405	Aurelian	415	- 1	2.4	14.2
158	118	Bailey, Stein Con	158	..	3.8	12.5
158	118	Barrow	158	..	3.8	12.5
168	120	Barratt Devel	168	..	4.7	11.1
145	82	Beazer Homes	114	..	9.5	8.9
800	630	Bellway	800	..	4.3	12.2
562	479	Bet Hard Bk	548	..	6.9	8.5
689	454	Bet West	637	- 1	4.5	9.9
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500	..	6.5	3.4
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BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Allington	12	..	1.9	..
445	311½	Alumasc'V	340	..	2.2	19.0
342	267½	BPB Ind	290	+ 9	3.9	13.5
133	94	Baggeridge Br	94	..	4.2	8.9
76	54	Bardon†	54½	..	10.2	11.9
76	44	Blockleys	44	..	11.1	..
339	255	Blue Circle†	297	+ 3	4.9	12.5
89	72	Brandon PLC	78	..	7.7	10.8
126	110	Br Dredging†	110	..	6.4	14.9
453	338	CRH	427	+ 3	3.4	16.0
46	33	Caledonian Hldg	38	..	3.1	..
210	146	Caprt	146	..	9.4	11.3
273	185	Caradon	185	- 4	6.4	9.6
134½	101	Caradon pf†	101½	- ½	6.9	..
55	18	Charlton Gp	19	..	13.2	..
195	155	Chrysn (UK)†	185	..	2.7	15.3
90	63	Clyson 'A'	81	..	6.2	6.7
99½	56½	Eclipse Blnds	82	..	7.4	..
315	234	Epwin	258	..	4.3	13.9
59	46	Gibbs & Dandy	46	..	4.3	..
245	82	Glenwick Grp†	178	..	3.6	15.6
379	312	Hadleid (JH)	378	..	2.8	..
325	254	Hepworth	290	..	6.4	13.4
85	58	Hewetson	83	..	7.3	5.5
164½	73	Hewd (J)	91	..	..	..
259	202½	Heyrod Wtn	230	..	8.3	10.7
85	63	Ibstock	83	..	3.4	15.5
288	262	Jonesbrd†	315	- 1	4.2	7.3
108	84	Lillechall†	87	..	7.0	10.4
198	165	Marley	197	..	5.5	9.4
243	185	Marshalls	228	..	4.6	9.5
371	286	Meyer Int	342	..	4.1	11.4
178	128	Newman Tins	129½	..	6.7	11.6
108	76	Norcros	84	- 1	5.2	..
20	13	Phoenix Timbr	15	..	..	14.3
217	143	Polypipe†	195	..	3.9	14.7
177	122	Polypipe†	172	..	1.9	14.7
1119	849½	RMC Gp'V	998	- 5	2.7	13.5
18	3	Ramus	4½	..	..	..
470	337	Redland†	357	- 6	6.2	10.3
122	91¼	Rosehill	104	- ¼	5.2	10.9
176½	128	Rutenscit	150	..	5.1	12.5
125	100	Rugby Group†	116	+ 3	3.9	15.0
113	88	Russell (AV)†	105	..	3.1	14.4
285	205	SIG†	267	..	3.7	11.5
27	19	Sanderson	19	..	7.9	..
186	156	Sharpe & Fisher†	157	..	4.0	12.5
43	25½	Sperling Ram	39½	..	2.4	..
130	80	Tarmac†	80½	..	8.2	12.6
163	131	Thos	131	..	4.4	10.1
363	255	Travis Perkins	339	..	3.6	13.1
36	24	Tudor†	36	..	3.3	17.2
68	33	Waterhouse	33	..	..	..
136	83	Wickes†	124	..	1.9	23.1
411	324	Wimpey	398	- 1	3.1	13.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	0¾	..	..	..
90	57	Aqs Hldg	90	+ 15	..	..
7¾	5¼	Bates (CH)	6	..	..	..
59	36	Black Arrow	44	..	8.8	7.1
80	60	Br Bloodstock	65	..	..	27.4
6	3	Cash Co	4	..	..	..
9¼	4½	Chapman	7¼	..	1.7	22.7
161	135	Cossall	151	..	6.8	10.2
273	215	Fiadys	271	+ 6	1.2	20.1
43	24	Hargreaves	43	..	2.3	19.6
436	298	Hogg Rbtsn	434	..	2.2	19.6
168	139	Leigh	139	- 1	7.6	13.4
231	165	Nobo Gp	192	..	5.9	8.7
265	186	Pnds-Mrt	186	..	3.7	14.8
68	50	Pnn & Gen	59	..	5.8	6.3
11	0¾	Positive	1¼	..	..	..
104	73	Staples & Mathews	99	..	4.6	19.0
213	160	Sinclair (Wm)†	199	- 2	4.8	..
414	241	Waste Mgt Int	321	- 1	..	12.2
148	73	Waste Recyg	125	..	1.2	27.3

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	146	Albright & Wilt	146	- 3	5.1	15.4
137	106	Allied Colloids	136	+ 2	2.4	19.1
245	195	Amber Ind	245	..	2.0	14.1
64	47	Anderson Gp	64	..	2.9	18.4
2147½	1128½	BASF DM	1137	-116½	3.3	..
689	486	BOC	672	+ 5	3.6	18.1
303	236	BTP	288	- 3	5.1	14.8
1771½	1141½	Bayer DM50	1686½	+20½	3.5	..
165	103	Brent Chemist	163	..	4.8	22.7
119	83	Brent Chemist	83	..	4.8	22.7
278	210	Br Vita†	268	- 1	4.4	14.1
239	184	Camrex (Wtr)	234	..	4.1	15.0
469½	380	Elementis	388	- 1	4.9	15.3
307½	230	Crodat	300	- 1	3.2	14.5
233	125	Crodart	218	- 1	3.3	14.7
356	234	Ellis & Everard	283	..	4.0	15.3
167	56	Euro Colour	97	..	2.5	26.5
223	114	Gibbons	221	..	3.5	17.5
145	97	Hickson†	97	- 12	6.0	8.3
£167¾	£123¾	Hoechst	£163	- 1¼	6.5	..
549½	185	Holliday Chem	192½	..	3.2	12.7
649½	560	ICI	575	+ 9	4.5	14.8
360	188	Inspec†	350	- 5	1.7	24.4
159	97½	Kalon	112	..	6.1	12.6
452	630	Laporte†	697	- 2	3.4	17.2
85	60	Lawtex	68	..	3.4	12.2
360	253	Manders†	305	- 6	4.5	13.9
46	30	Metrocl	43	..	4.4	16.2
516	362½	Monsanto	424½	..	4.7	10.5
405	279½	Porvair	375	..	1.7	27.4
254	188	Scapa	234	..	3.3	17.2
54	15	Schuttle Sonsh	39	..	1.7	37.3
885	665½	Tenedo Chem	816½	- 8½	0.9	12.7
258	185	Wellington Hldg	248	..	3.4	19.0
1698	1278	Whitehdrng Pf	1613	..	2.7	17.2
324	275	Yorks Chem	277	..	3.9	11.5
340	236	Yule Catto†	318	..	2.9	16.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
112½	88½	Alli Lets	100	..	5.2	11.5
566	535	Acsm & Harvey	550	..	4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14	..	6.2	23.0
113	68	Appleyard	98	..	8.3	9.7
4¾	3¼	Asc Bl Eag	3½	..	2.1	28.5
603	516	BSS Group	577	..	4.2	16.5
48	28	Bandt	33	..	..	..
24½	15½	Benning Power	16½	..	7.6	8.1
28	18	Bogod 'A'	28	..	3.4	9.3
493	345	Bunzl†	475	..	3.8	17.0
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	17	..	1.5	..
96	78	Brit Polythene	84	..	4.8	12.7
270	215	Cellars	263	..	5.7	18.0
68	54	Central Mtr	67	..	5.1	18.2
69	55	Cook (DC)	63	..	3.5	7.8
3397	220	Comn	3355	..	4.3	12.2
139	125	Dag Mntnary	135	..	6.8	11.0
1588	1088	Dennans 'A'	1588	..	1.9	19.2
591	408	Diploma	434	..	4.0	14.2
332½	236	Electrocomps	327	+ 3	2.2	33.8
247	153	Exredic Elec	226	- 1	3.2	26.0
226	118	Eurodollar	118	..	8.3	7.1
1295	1025	European Ute	1025	- 2	4.3	12.1
1339	220	Comn	1255

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United Biscuits sells bulk of Keebler for $500m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

UNITED BISCUITS (Holdings) signalled its withdrawal from the American market yesterday as it disposed of the bulk of Keebler, its troubled US biscuit subsidiary, to a joint bid for $500 million.

The sale of Keebler's cookies and crackers division to Flowers Industries, a specialist food maufacturer based in Georgia, and Artal, the American arm of Artal SA Investments, a privately controlled Belgian investment fund, matched recent City expectations. However, the sale figure was well below the initial asking price of $800 million.

The City gave a lukewarm reception to the news and UB's shares closed only 7p up, at 268p. There was concern that the expected sale of Keebler's two other divisions, salty snacks and frozen foods, would also fail to match market expectations.

UB announced that the sale proceeds will be used to reduce heavy debts and to refocus on the Asian and European markets. The company will keep the ownership of the Keebler brand outside of the US, allowing a planned expansion in the Far East, and especially in China, to continue unaffected.

Colin Short, chairman, said: "Keebler has performed disappointingly in difficult circumstances and this has put considerable pressure on UB's management and financial resources. We can now pursue the development of our group with renewed vigour and exploit the full potential of our businesses in Europe and Asia Pacific."

The sale marks the end of a 21-year foray into the American market for UB that has turned increasingly sour. Although Keebler's cookie and cracker division has the second biggest market sector share in the US, it has been unable to erode Nabisco's huge lead, in spite of an expensive restructuring programme, which was launched this year.

Keebler incurred a £4 million loss at the half-year stage, compared with a £30.2 million profit in 1994. But its performance, in spite of annual sales of £1 billion, had been regarded as unsatisfactory for a number of years.

UB has come under increasing pressure to act decisively after three profit warnings in just four months and a cut in its dividend from 5.5p to 3.5p, giving UB the dubious distinction of being the first leading food producer to make a cut for 17 years.

United Biscuits announced a loss at the half-year stage of £48.6 million, down from a profit of £76.2 million at the same stage in 1994. UB was also forced to withdraw from the Spanish market in July and lost its FT-SE 100 status as its share price, 400p in 1993, has fallen.

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BARRY GREENWOOD



Spinning ahead: Mike Derbyshire, left, chief executive of Whitecroft, the industrial holding company, with John Hall, executive director of the group's specialist materials division, after reporting interim profit of £3.45 million, before tax and exceptional items, against £2.83 million. The interim dividend will be increased to 1.75p from 1.5p.

Blacks finds way out of the red

Blacks Leisure, the sports goods and leisure retailer, returned to profit in the first half in spite of the adverse impact of the hot summer on demand for some equipment.

Pre-tax profits were £736,000 (£53,000 loss) in the six months to August 31, with earnings of 1.59p (0.62p loss) a share. The interim dividend is unchanged, at 0.75p a share, due on February 4. The shares fell 2p to 48p.

Safeland rise

Safeland, the property trading and investment company, reported a 12 per cent rise in net assets, to 37p a share, in the six months to September 30. The interim dividend is 0.9p (0.86p) a share, payable on March 7. Pre-tax profits eased to £1.03 million (£1.09 million), while earnings were 2.77p (2.89p). The shares were unchanged, at 27p.

Lynx ahead

Lynx Holdings, the computer products and services company, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £2.56 million (£2 million) for the year to September 30. Earnings fell to 3.73p (4.5p) a share. The total dividend is 1.55p (1.4p) a share, with a final 1.15p due on February 1.

Schroders wins favour of Bonn

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

SCHRODERS, the City investment bank, has been asked by the Bonn Government to value Deutsche Postbank, Germany's largest savings bank, in a move set to infuriate Deutsche Bank, which is the leading German commercial bank.

Ulrich Cartellieri, a Deutsche Bank director, launched a bitter attack in a recent meeting with Christian Democrat politicians on the Government's "incomprehensible tendencies" in inviting foreign investment banks to examine the financial ideas of German institutions.

Postbank, separated from the state postal authority in 1990 as a step towards privatisation, has been trying to fend off a DM3 billion hostile bid for 75 per cent of the bank from a consortium headed by the German post office and in which Deutsche Bank has a 20 per cent stake. Swiss Re, the insurer, is a key partner.

Government opposition to the hostile bid, which has also upset the German savings banks, came last month when Wolfgang Bötsch, the Post Minister, dropped his earlier support for the offer and declared that the bid price was DM1 billion too low.

Schroders, which won the valuation commission from Bonn in competition with its leading US rivals, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Salomon Brothers and Morgan Stanley, will submit an initial report to the German authorities in January.

Günter Schneider, head of Postbank, recently welcomed a counterbid for 35 per cent of the bank from a consortium that included Volksfürsorge, the insurer, BHF-Bank, and BHW, a construction finance company.

The Postbank takeover battle started after the failure of months of talks between the post office and the savings bank on an agreement to replace a co-operation pact concerning 17,000 retail outlets that expires next year.

Business Post Group advances

BUSINESS Post Group, the parcels and express mail company, lifted profits 59 per cent in the half year to September 30, reflecting strong organic growth and improved management of transport costs (Martin Barrow writes).

Pre-tax profits advanced to £5.9 million, from £3.8 million, with a rise in operating margins to 18.7 per cent from 15.6 per cent. Turnover rose to £30.5 million, from £23.6 million, and the company said it had enjoyed a similar 29 per cent increase in turnover in October.

The interim dividend is increased to 3p a share, from 1.9p, payable on January 4 from earnings that rose to 7.9p a share, from 5.1p.

Peter Kane is stepping down after 25 years as chairman to become a non-executive director.

The new chairman is Neil Benson, a non-executive director since March 1993. Mr Kane's brother, Michael, became chief executive last month.

Graduate moves into media sector

BY MARTIN BARROW

GRADUATE Appointments, the recruitment company chaired by Maurice Saatchi, is diversifying into the media sector.

Graduate is acquiring Framestore, a digital and video post-production company, and Forward Publishing, which produces magazines for companies such as NatWest Bank and Marks & Spencer. After these acquisitions, Graduate will change its name to Megalomedia, pending shareholder approval.

The vendor is Landau Enterprises, an offshore company in which several directors of Graduate are beneficially interested. These include Mr Saatchi, Josephine Hart and Christopher Parker. Consideration for the acquisition is primarily in the form of Graduate shares.

Shares in Graduate, which trade on the Alternative Investment Market, were suspended at 33p yesterday. With a maximum consideration payable of 37.68 million shares, the two businesses being acquired could be valued at £12.4 million.

Framestore specialises in the post-production of commercials, channel promotions, title sequences and digital effects. In television graphics, it has post-produced for the BBC, ITV, BSkyB and Channel 4. During the last four years, turnover has virtually doubled. Turnover in the year to April 30 was about £5 million, with profits of £750,000.

Forward's turnover was £6.7 million in the year ended March 31. Pre-tax profits were £1.2 million, although this will not be repeated in the current year because of the loss of a big contract.

Christopher Parker will be chief executive of the enlarged company. A chartered accountant, Mr Parker was chief operating officer worldwide of Saatchi & Saatchi Communications until 1990. He became a director of Graduate in August last year.



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Tupperware holds a popular party

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

EVERY 2.6 seconds of every day, somewhere in the world, groups of women gather for a Tupperware party. Nearly 85 million people attended them last year. It is a staggering thought — no wonder the plastic food containers have become an icon of Western suburban culture.

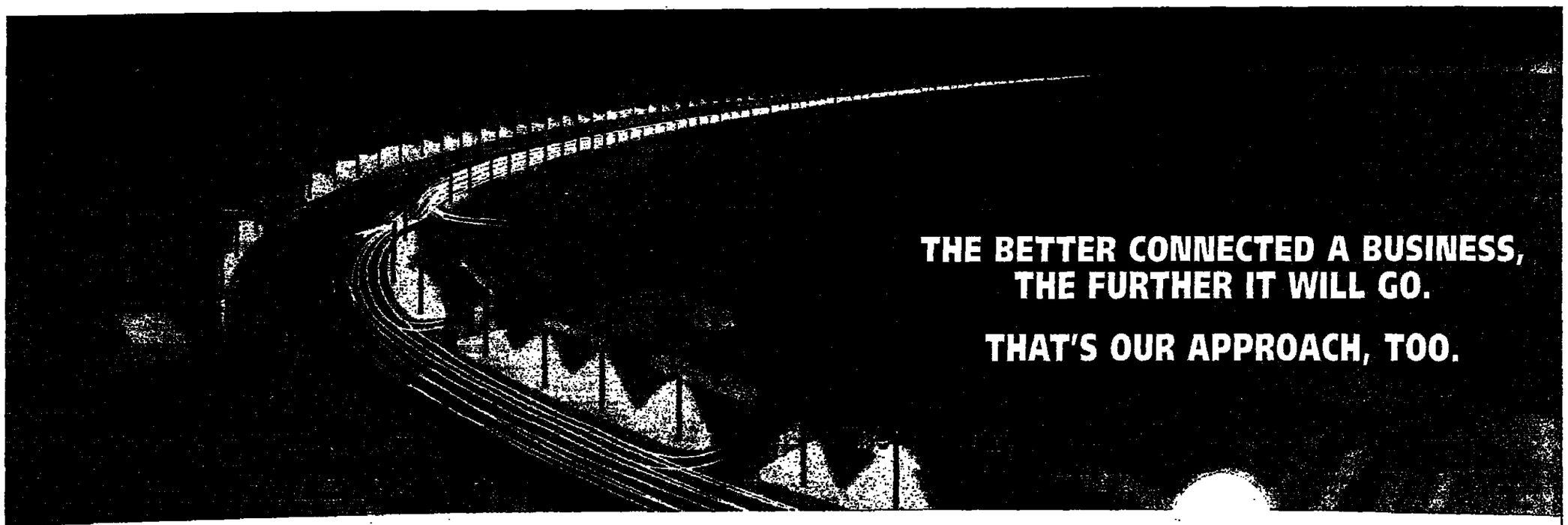
And now investors are being invited to the party because Premark International, Tupperware's owner, has decided to hive it off by giving shares to its own shareholders after deciding Tupperware does not fit with its other products such as food equipment and filing.

Tupperware is no cottage industry: it makes profits of $200 million on annual sales of $1.3 billion. It has 730,000 sales "consultants" — mostly housewives aged between 20 and 35 who work part-time for up to $50,000 a year commission.

The company was founded 50 years ago by Earl Tupper, who worked for DuPont when the chemicals group was experimenting with plastics. He discovered how to refine the black oily slag from this process and inject it into molds. Tupperware containers hit the stores in 1945, the first catalogue was published the following year, and in 1947 the special Tupperware seal — modelled on that of paint pots — was added to the design.

But housewives, it seems, were suspicious. So Tupper pulled his products off the shelves and the concept was born of the Tupperware party in which a woman could demonstrate the merits of the new containers to her friends.

By the 1950s, Tupperware and its parties were established as a cultural tradition in suburban America. International sales now account for 80 per cent of its business.



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Help at hand to rescue ailing companies

BY BRIAN COLLETT

A LITTLE-USED method of saving ailing small businesses from going bust is recommended in a report from two academics.

The company voluntary agreement (CVA) was introduced in 1986 as an alternative to insolvency and receivership. It allows a troubled business to continue under an insolvency practitioner while the directors make proposals to creditors, possibly for a payment moratorium or an exchange of debt for equity.

Professor David Milman, Dean of Manchester University's Law Faculty, who co-wrote the report for the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, said: "A lot depends on the skills of the insolvency practitioner. It will work if people are realistic and it is properly policed."

The research says that recovery rates of 30p in the pound are "not uncommon" under the CVA procedure and a full return is sometimes acheived. It points out: "In a receivership or liquidation, unsecured creditors would be lucky to receive anything."

On average only 200 businesses a year choose this solution, yet it is ideal for a small enterprise with few assets, Professor Milman said.

He found that knowledge about CVAs was patchy, even among bankers. The report calls for a vigorous publicity campaign aimed at business people, accountants, lawyers and bankers. The campaign, Professor Milman said, could be backed by the Department of Trade and Industry and the CBI.

More government concessions, however, were needed, to recommend CVAs to small business. The State could forgo its automatic rights as a preferential creditor, and that might persuade other creditors to be more understanding. Missing creditors could be bound by a CVA after a 56-day wait to enable them to appear.

A relevant reason for making CVAs more attractive to small businesses, he said, was that many creditors were from the sector.

Corporate Rescue: CVAs and the Challenge of Small Companies, by Professor Milman and Dr Francis Chittenden, of Manchester Business School, costs £9.95. Contact: 0141-309 3999.



"Yes, I made a thriving profit — then went straight into loss when I paid these!"

The antiques home show

BY ALAN ROAD

TELEVISION has changed the face of the antiques trade. Since the advent of *The Antiques Road Show*, everyone is an expert, says Christopher Jones, a dealer.

It was not always so. When Mr Jones, 41, began selling bric-a-brac at a tiny shop he rented for £10 a week in Kettering, neighbours would often invite him to clear the houses of relatives who had died.

It was a time when a generation of Victorians, who had often lived among items passed down by parents, was dying off in the rows of terraced houses around his shop. "You could buy brass candlesticks, a few Victorian chairs, a jug and basin set and things like that."

Not any more. Mr Jones, who has just returned from a "buying recce" in France, finds he now has to venture ever further afield. "In England, one is more often than not buying things that came from middle-class collectors who bought them in the Thirties."

His first buy as a seven-year-old was a Victorian pottery jug, picked up for threepence and sold for a shilling. The message was not lost on young Christopher.

However, his father did not consider dealing a career so Mr Jones became a teacher for two years. But after a six-week period selling antiques on Saturday mornings, he felt confident enough to give in his notice and open a shop full time. Slowly, his business began to grow and he took premises at an antiques centre at Weedon near Northampton.

JOHN ROAN



Christopher Jones finds that having a house of historic interest attracts people's attention

Like so many other businessmen in the Eighties, he was seduced by success that left him five years ago with a house, a shop and a huge overdraft. "Somehow, one thought that borrowing lots of money from the banks was the norm," he said. "One thought one had £250,000 worth of stock, but what one really had was a £75,000 overdraft. Then the recession came and in only four months a third of his business was wiped out. His bank manager asked if he could reduce his overdraft, but Mr Jones pointed that he would not then have the cashflow to keep going. After three years of long working days to support his overdraft, he realised there had to be a better way. He sold house and shop and used the capital to pay off the overdraft and refinance the business.

His next move was to buy the lease on Flore House, a 40-room Jacobean manor house in five acres sandwiched between the M1 and the A5. He now lives "over the shop", employing a couple of salesmen. "Having a house of historical interest attracts people's attention. They can walk around and see how a table or chair would look in their own homes."

The move proved a turning point. "Last year, we had the best year we've ever had in business," he said.

BRIEFINGS

The first Business Link outlet in south London has been opened at Christopher Wren House in Croydon. Further outlets are planned early next year for Bromley, Sutton, Bexley/Greenwich and Lewisham. Business Link London South has been formed with the support of Croydon borough, Solotec, Croydon Business Venture, and the local chamber of commerce.

☐ *Business Link Signpost Line* is a new phone service to direct small firms to their nearest Business Link and the help it offers for growth and greater competitiveness. The number is 0345 567765. More than 150 links are now open. By next March, the network is expected to cover the whole country.

☐ A record 13,600 businesses are now using factoring and invoice discounting services, the quarterly report from the Association of British Factors and Discounters shows. Turnover grew 27 per cent to £22.1 billion in the first nine months of 1995, with a 35 per cent increase in international trade financed by factors.

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Illegible writing and long letters won't get you an interview, **Caroline Turner** finds

The art of job application

Now is the time when law students eagerly await the post for news of whether they have got a training contract for 1997. Rather late, I wrote 28 applications for contracts. Most firms stopped accepting applications by September, so I could write only to those few whose deadlines had not passed, or whom I hoped to persuade to make an exception.

Obtaining an interview, particularly with a small firm, is a feat in itself when it is common to have hundreds of applications for one or two jobs. Fashionable small firms get as many, or more, applications than the major City firms. For example, Stephens Innocent, which takes on only one trainee per year, has had about 2,000 applications, the same number as Clifford Chance, the largest firm, with 120 places on offer, while Allen & Overy had 1,500 applicants for 65 jobs.

Nicola Solomon, a partner at Stephens Innocent, says that the high numbers applying does not surprise her because the firm is high profile and works in a sought-after area — media law and civil liberties. But how do the smaller firms, without the benefit of large personnel departments, sift through mounds of applications?

Ms Solomon says she rejects those with less than a 2.1 degree, anyone who says they have "inter-personal skills", illegible writing and letters longer than one page. She looks for people with media or civil liberties experience rather than those straight out of college.

Ian Bloom, of Bloom Camillin, which had 400 applications for two places, looks for something distinctive in the application, which must be well written. The worst ones might say: "Do not bin this, I am desperate for a job." Others are too knowing, and might say: "Everyone on planet Earth has told me that you are the only firm worth applying to," but when asked who recommended the firm, they cannot answer.

Mr Bloom says he regrets he cannot offer more than one or two jobs to hundreds of able candidates: "I'm upset on behalf of people who are applying against ferocious odds."

James Robinson, of Brown Cooper, which had about 300 applications for one place, also rejects those with less than a 2.1 degree, and considers "counterproductive" letters which say what a wonderful firm Brown Cooper is, which they cannot possibly know.

Ironically, there is a slightly better chance of an interview at one of the larger firms, although Linklaters & Paine had 3,000 to 4,000 applicants for an intake of 120, and Simmons & Simmons 3,000 applicants for 50 places.

Claire Maurice, of Allen & Overy, points out that the numbers applying to the major City firms are probably swelled by those who do not particularly want to work in the City, but do want their Legal Practice Course paid for — a perk worth about £5,000 which the City firms offer, along with a maintenance grant. Others, in the absence of a local education authority grant, have to pay their way.

Tricia Brett, the recruitment administrator at Macfarlanes, (1,600 applicants for 15 jobs) says they look for good academic qualifications and responsibility, such as running the University Law Society or being captain of a team. "We do not want just a member of a society, but a person who does some work for it."

Simmons & Simmons looks for academic achievement and evidence of ability to work in teams. Personnel director Anita Tovell says: "It could be anything from a sports team to a choir. Conversely, a person's hobbies may indicate that they are loners".

The long, complex application forms favoured by some of the larger firms do not seem to deter many applicants despite the big blank spaces left for questions such as: "Why do you want to be a solicitor and why do you want to work for us?" and "What are your greatest achievements to date?" Clifford Chance asked applicants to "Describe an achievement of importance to you", while Nabarro Nathanson asked: "What experience was the most rewarding and why?" Hayley Grant, graduate recruitment officer at Lovell White Durrant, says what is important is the way an answer to these open questions is conveyed rather than what is said.

Macfarlanes makes the applicants state their "principal interests and leisure activities", and then how they contribute to and benefit from them.

My interests included theatre, cinema, books and travel. I supposed my contribution was paying for the tickets or book, and my benefit was enjoying the show, holiday or read. It seemed a silly question, but now I realise they were looking for people who had been chairman of the JCR or captain of the netball team.

In reply to my 28 applications, I have had seven acknowledgements, four letters saying I am too late, five rejections and two invitations for interviews — one for a major firm and one for a small, specialist firm. Apart from these applications, I have had one offer of paralegal work for next summer, following a summer placement this year.

Despite the overload of would-be lawyers, competition between firms for the best graduates is still as keen as ever, says Claire Maurice of Allen & Overy. "There never seems to be enough really good people."



SIMON WALKER

Caroline Turner listed theatre as an interest, but discovered employers looked for hobbies showing responsibility

TRAINING CONTRACTS

THE Law Society says that there are about 4,000 training contracts available each year, and 6,500 places for students on the Legal Practice Course which precedes the training contract.

But others say that there are about 2,500 training contracts, and 10,000 applicants, including the ones who failed to get jobs in previous years. The problem is exacerbated because people apply to hundreds of firms, swelling the numbers of applications for them to sift through.

Why judges cannot avoid politics

Locating the boundary between law and politics is one of the most difficult problems in a democracy. In an important contribution to the debate, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, gave the annual lecture of the Administrative Law Bar Association last month. His theme was "the constitutional imperative of judicial self-restraint" in applying the principles of judicial review of administrative action.

Lord Irvine's powerful advocacy sought to persuade his audience of the dangers of judges interfering with the decisions of ministers and civil servants except where there is "manifest absurdity". Courts must do nothing to cause "fears of judicial supremacism". The judiciary must resist the temptation to become involved in "a process of policy evaluation which goes far beyond its allotted constitutional role". Ministers must be the judges of whether they have acted in a procedurally fair manner, unless their procedures are "so unfair that they could not have been reasonably adopted".

To paraphrase Dr Johnson, when a man knows that he is soon to be a minister, it concentrates his mind wonderfully. The Labour Party's confidence that it will form the next government is causing potential ministers to ponder the considerable inconvenience of judges having the power to find that departmental decisions are unfair or unreasonable. As Labour politicians well recall, for every *Pergau Dam* (or other case in which a Conservative minister has acted unlawfully) there is a *Tameside*, *Congreve* or *Laker Airways* (or other cases in which the court found against a Labour minister from 1974 to 1979).

Lord Irvine's lecture addresses the constitutional role of the judiciary from the perspective of the politician. No government welcomes scrutiny of its activities by an independent judiciary.

It can be highly embarrassing for ministers to have to explain their decisions on affidavit, to be required to disclose documents they would rather keep secret, and to be obliged to give instructions to their counsel to answer questions from a persistent judge that can be evaded in the less demanding forum of the House of Commons.

People at the receiving end of administrative decisions, whether in the fields of immigration, social security, or regulation of business activity, have a different view of the constitutional legitimacy of judicial review. They understand that public law promotes higher standards of administration, and that if the judiciary does not provide a remedy for abuse of power by the executive, unfairness is very unlikely to be remedied by any other means.

Lord Irvine's plea that judges must stay out of policy debates is more than a little difficult to reconcile with his support, and that of the Labour Party, for the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. His approach to public law adjudication would also require our judges to adopt a self-denying ordinance which would set them apart from their colleagues in other member states of the European Union, and in New Zealand and Australia, who apply stricter standards to test the propriety of administrative decisions by reference to doctrines such as proportionality, legitimate expectations, and due regard for fundamental rights, all of which are rejected by Lord Irvine.

The argument advanced by Lord Irvine is that judicial self-restraint is required under the present law of the United Kingdom "in deference to the sovereignty of Parliament". But judges are well aware of the constitutional reality that Parliament exercises very little control over the content of primary legislation, let alone delegated legislation or administrative decisions. Nor can Parliament realistically be expected to do so, given the growth in the business of government and in the number of discretionary powers conferred. Constitutional fictions are an unpersuasive basis for seeking to encourage judges to restrain themselves when they are asked to provide remedies for the victims of injustice or unfairness.



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Parliament itself has said nothing in any statute about the standard of judicial review. So extreme judicial self-restraint has no greater claim to parliamentary approval than a judicial policy of giving a remedy for abuses of power that result in unfair or unreasonable decisions. If Parliament is taken implicitly to have approved judicial intervention where ministers and civil servants have "taken leave of their senses" (as Lord Irvine accepts), it is difficult to see why Parliament cannot equally be understood to have implicitly approved stricter standards of judicial intervention.

The standards which public law should apply do not depend on self-evident principles of parliamentary sovereignty. They depend on the conception we choose to adopt of the role of the judiciary in a modern society. Lord Irvine's provocative lecture confirms that the conception adopted by ministers, and potential ministers, is unlikely to be shared by the governed.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Hard Labour?

PAUL BOATENG, the Labour Party's legal affairs spokesman, and Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, came to verbal blows last week in after-dinner speeches at the annual dinner of the London Solicitors Litigation Association.

Both made clear that neither would give the other an easy ride. Boateng reminded lawyers of his duty to tackle "Spanish practices and customs", and to curb legal aid (£1.6 billion was "enough"). To pretend there would be more money for lawyers under Labour was "a nonsense". But he did extend an olive branch — Labour wanted to invest in the "infrastructure" which enabled lawyers to do their jobs, provided they put their house in order.

Mears took up the hot issue of *pro bono* or free work which Labour is urging on lawyers. In a speech which drew praise from several present, he pointed out that lawyers already did considerable *pro bono* work. Far from enjoying a "gravy train", 25 per cent of small firms earned less than £10,000 a year, he said. Later in a "humorous" sideswipe at Peter Goldsmith, QC, the Bar chairman, who has offered to do three days' work free a year, Mears said that for a man reputed to earn between £750,000 and £1 million, such an offer amounted to "petty cash".

INS AND OUTS

Harmless secrets

THIRTY TWO retired or serving judges are Freemasons, according to the *1995 Masonic Year Book*. The analysis by the Labour Research trade unionists' group comes as MPs prepare for an inquiry into Freemasonry in the judiciary and police by the Home Affairs Select Committee. Some of the judges or other legal figures have explained their reasons for becoming members.

In today's *The Lawyer*, Lord Justice Millett, a member of the Chancery Bar lodge, and Sir Maurice Drake, a retired High Court judge, who joined a lawyers' lodge called Justinian in 1948, deny any influence from their membership.

Lord Justice Millett says that when he told Lord Hailsham he was a Freemason, the former Lord Chancellor "just laughed". "We claim to have secrets but they are harmless. There is nothing in the slightest bit sinister. If anything, they are really rather ridiculous," he says.



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RONNIE BERGENTHAL, a racing enthusiast, divides his time between his criminal practice at the Bar and the Hackney greyhound stadium in east London.

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Speed contest

SARAH LEIGH, the Leigh Day & Co partner who heads the medical negligence working group of Lord Woolf's inquiry, is so keen for ideas on how to devise a fast economical way of litigating small negligence claims that she has launched an informal competition.

She says: "I've tried model after model to speed up small claims but none of them pleases everyone, so now we are holding a competition — although we don't have any prizes yet."

The contest will close in February, when doctors, lawyers and health managers are due to meet for a conference on the thorny problem.

First blood

THE Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) last week won the first skirmish in its multimillion-pound action against the Cheltenham & Gloucester. Its legal team is led by Dennis Brock, partner at Clifford Chance, and Murray Pickering, QC.

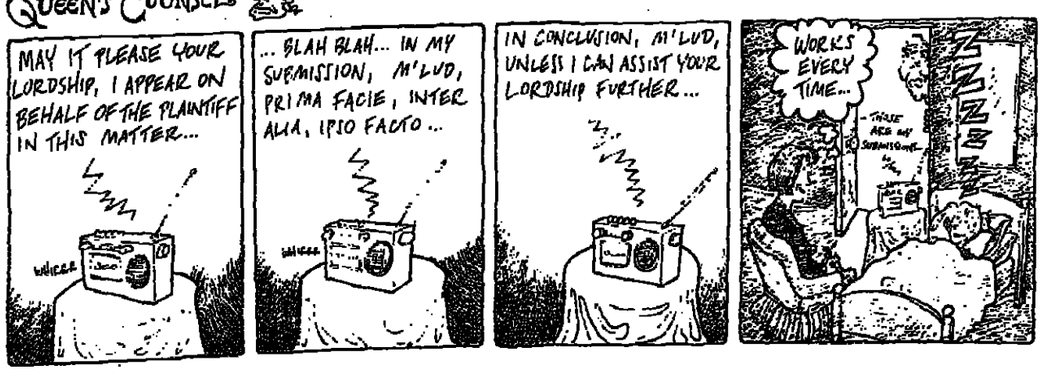
Kate Moore, senior solicitor at the ICS, said: "We chose a reputable City firm that knows the score on this type of litigation, and has the resources. It's pretty high-profile stuff, and if we bring in the 200 or so solicitors who advised on these plans, it will become a multiparty action."

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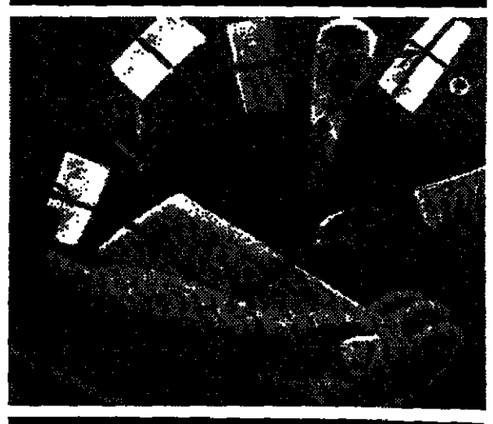
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Confidentiality of information passed from patient to therapist is under challenge in the United States, where the Supreme Court will decide the matter soon

A client confidence too far

Should what you say to your therapist be protected from disclosure in the courts? **James D. Zirin** reports

When a patient consults a psychotherapist, can his or her communications be revealed in court? The Supreme Court of the United States is soon to answer this question in an important case that could have serious implications for both the legal and mental health communities.

To a traumatised generation, plagued by violence and killings in a variety of settings, psychotherapy has gained professional legitimacy. The discipline is concerned with the patient's emotional wellbeing, which is treated through a series of therapeutic sessions with the professional. The sessions are based on trust and full disclosure. Although Freud was said to have gossiped about those he treated, the patient is supposed to be assured that his innermost thoughts and feelings may be expressed in total confidence and without fear of revelation.

Confidentiality in therapy fosters candour, permits necessary emotional release and promotes free self-evaluation. But what happens if the communications are relevant in litigation and a party to the controversy seeks to compel disclosure? Does a privilege exist to protect the patient? Surely this is an issue which never occurred to Sigmund Freud.

Though it did not exist in common law, all 50 American states have engrafted upon their legal system some form of psychotherapist-patient privilege. Some state courts have even held therapeutic communications to fall within a "zone of privacy" protected under the Constitution. In federal cases, however, there are no clearly articulated privileges. Such matters, according to a rule issued by the Supreme Court in 1973, are "governed by the principles of common law as they may be interpreted by the courts of the United States in the light of reason and experience". This could mean almost anything.

In applying "reason and experience" to the issue, three federal appellate circuits have recognised some form of privilege in civil and criminal cases, while four circuits have rejected the privilege as something which did not exist in common law.

The case currently before the Supreme Court involves Mar Lu Redmond, a suburban Chicago policewoman sued for wrongful death by the family of a suspect whom she shot and killed as the suspect was allegedly about to stab another with a butcher's knife. There were numerous eyewitnesses to the incident, many of whom testified at the trial, as did Officer Redmond.

The plaintiff sought to question Officer Redmond about her communications with the clinical social worker whom she had consulted about the traumatic and tragic event she had experienced in the line of duty. The officer refused to answer on ground of privilege, but the judge, holding that there was no federal privilege protecting disclosures by a patient to a clinical social worker, ordered her to testify. Officer Redmond, determined not to reveal communications with her therapist, disclaimed recollection of what she had said. The plaintiff then subpoenaed the therapist to testify and to produce her notes of the sessions. When the trial judge refused to quash the subpoena, the therapist gave only limited testimony and produced the notes in edited form. The trial judge instructed the jury that it could draw an adverse inference from Officer Redmond's refusal to authorise the therapist to disclose the complete notes, stating that the jury could presume the notes to be unfavourable to the officer. The jury found in favour of the plaintiff.

Reversing the judgment of the lower court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the psychotherapist-patient privilege and ordered a new trial. The Supreme Court will review that decision.

While the policy of the law would disfavour all privileges since they are impediments to getting at the truth, a psychotherapeutic communication should be on the same footing as a patient's confidential communication with a physician, a client's with a lawyer or a penitent's with a priest — all well recognised privileges at common law. Forced disclosure of an entrusted confidence to a psychotherapist is considered inherently wrong, since it undercuts the basis of a communication given and received on the premise of confidentiality.

Unlike the Redmond case, where the psychiatric communications were additional to other evidence, there are many situations where such evidence is pivotal. Would "reason and experience" require, for example, that the courts protect psychotherapist-patient communications where the proof is the only way to establish responsibility for a brutal criminal act?

In the Menendez case in California, where two brothers shot and killed their parents, the defendants denied complicity and were successful in eluding detection until Erik Menendez confessed the crime to his psychologist six months after the event. The psychologist's girlfriend overheard the admission and notified the police. The judge ordered the psychologist to produce his tape-recorded notes of the therapeutic sessions with both brothers after the psychologist testified he believed they were threatening him and others during the sessions. There is in California no privilege if you threaten the doctor.

The murder trial ended in a jury disagreement, and the retrial is expected to begin shortly. In criminal matters, especially, society has a compelling interest in eliciting all relevant evidence.

But truth, like certain forms of psychiatry, may cost too much. Weighing the competing interests, is it better to encourage people to seek psychotherapy by respecting the confidentiality of the sessions than to assure society of an unfettered fact-finding process essential to the delivery of justice?

Meanwhile in Britain the position is clear. Psychotherapists and their patients have no protection. Dr Mannie Sher, chairman of the ethics committee of the British Association of Psychotherapists, said: "Solicitors are the only professionals who enjoy privileged commmunications with clients. Courts can order psychotherapists to disclose what patients have told them — although they have to have good reason. Further, if a patient admits a crime, then there is a duty on the therapist to report it."

● The author, a trial lawyer, is a partner in Brown & Wood, a New York law firm.

In-house rivals oust City firms

International companies avoid expensive London lawyers, says **Edward Fennell**

Corporate clients of big City law firms have been forcing down the level of legal fees for some time. Now a new lever on the City lawyer has emerged in the shape of in-house lawyers working with international companies. Last week at a meeting in Amsterdam, one Dutch lawyer said: "London lawyers are now the most expensive in the world. I avoid them if I possibly can." A German speaker added: "If it comes to taking a matter to arbitration I would now prefer to go to Paris rather than London. It is much cheaper."

Are City law firms pricing themselves out of the in-house market? Delegates from top companies such as Procter & Gamble, Volkswagen and German computer software company Sap all made clear that they now take a careful strategic view of their use of outside lawyers.

Barry O'Meara, former deputy group solicitor at ICI and now a consultant to Rowe & Maw, said the need for expertise in specialist fields and the inevitable peaks and troughs in work meant no in-house team could be self-sufficient. But achieving "the best possible balance" between in-house and out-house legal services was critical.

The in-house counsel can do most of the work, such as in-depth briefings about the business context, when hiring outside lawyers with specialist skills. But external lawyers also need a good grip on the industrial sectors in which they work. "It's crucial that you should know your clients and their main objectives and the fields in which they're working," Mr O'Meara said. Business awareness from outside law firms was also highlighted by Hans Peter Frick, senior vice-president and general counsel at Nestlé. But as an international company, his legal advisers had to be immersed in the local scene. "I want my external lawyers to know the right people and have the right social contacts as well as being good quality legal experts."

One senior in-house counsel said: "I still want to go to the best local law firm rather than using a multinational US or UK firm. Despite the growth of these large global law firms there are still small outsiders."

Multinational firms have a long way to go, therefore, before they match the recognised status of the big six accountancy firms. KPMG's forensic accounting service used the Amsterdam conference to promote the idea that in-house counsel should come direct to them for advice over fraud and linked issues.

The accountants also latched on to the chance to sell their wider expertise in fields such as IT. Hans Viggo van Hulsen, chief counsel at Volkswagen, said that he had been sceptical at first about the potential of IT for in-house lawyers. But with a growing number of UK clients, he is now keen for electronic links with his outside lawyers.

Within ten years, Mr O'Meara predicted, in-house counsel would lead the way in creating the "virtual" law service. Already, Graeme Fawcett, of the oil equipment company Cooper Cameron, works in this way. With responsibilities across Europe and Africa, he spends much time between sites. His office is effectively a computer system shared with one other lawyer based in the US. As for external legal advice, he has dispensed with a prominent global firm and opted for local firms such as Taylor Joynson in London, which are better adapted to his way of working.

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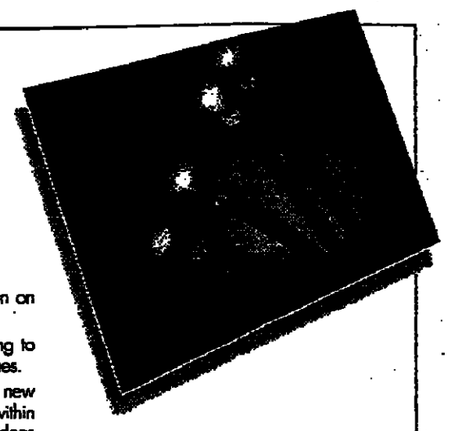
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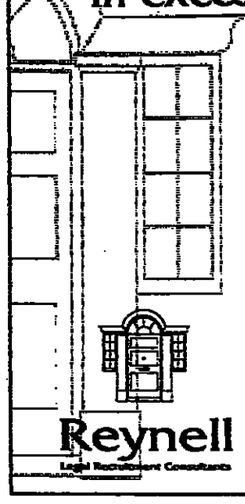
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Forum for deciding title to company shares

Macmillan Inc v Bishopsgate Investment Trust plc and Others (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment November 2]

An issue as to who had title to shares in a company was to be decided by the law of the place where the shares were situated, the lex situs, which would usually be the place where the company was incorporated.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment on a preliminary issue in an appeal by the plaintiffs, Macmillan Inc, against the decision of Mr Justice Millett on December 10, 1993 ([1995] 1 WLR 978) to dismiss its claim against Shearson Lehman Brothers Holding Ltd, Swiss Volksbank and Credit Suisse, the second, third and fifth defendants, for the return of 10.6 million shares in Berlitz International Inc or for compensation. Their Lordships granted a declaration that the issue as to who had the better title to the shares was to be determined by the domestic law of New York.

Macmillan Inc, a Delaware company controlled by the late Robert Maxwell through Maxwell Communications Corporation plc, had owned about 55.6 per cent of Berlitz, a company incorporated in New York.

Contrary to Macmillan's interests Mr Maxwell had agreed in London with Lehman, Credit Suisse and Swiss Volksbank to pledge Berlitz shares as security for loans made by them to his private interests. The shares were transferred to Shearson Lehman as assignee of Lehman and to Credit Suisse and Swiss Volksbank in New York.

Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Murray Rosen, QC, for Macmillan; Mr Charles Aldous, QC and Mr Robert Hildyard, QC, for Shearson Lehman; Mr William Blair, QC, for Swiss Volksbank; Mr Simon Mortimore, QC and Mr William Trower for Credit Suisse.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the judge had held that the applicable rule of conflict of laws required him to apply the law of the place of the transaction, lex loci actus, which he had held to be New York law.

Macmillan contended that their claim was restitutionary in nature; and that in consequence the appropriate conflict rule was rule 201(2)(c) in *Dicey & Morris, The Conflict of Laws* (12th edition (1993) vol 2 p1471): "If [the obligation] arises in any other circumstances [than in connection with a contract or a transaction concerning land] its proper law is the law of the country where the enrichment occurs."

His Lordship was prepared to accept that Macmillan's claim was restitutionary in nature; and he would accept without deciding that rule 201 of *Dicey & Morris* determined what system of law governed such a claim.

But the issue was not, or not any longer, whether Macmillan had a cause of action for restitution: it was whether the defendants had a defence on the ground that they were purchasers for value in good faith without notice of Macmillan's claim.

The rules of conflict of laws had to be directed at the particular issue of law which was in dispute, rather than at the cause of action which the plaintiff relied on. In the present case the issue was whether in law the defendants were purchasers for value in good faith without notice, so as to obtain a good title to the shares.

The general rule appeared to be that issues as to rights of property were determined by the law of the place where the property was. The same applied to chattels. Negotiable instruments were assimilated to chattels, so that the lex situs also applied.

A question then arose as to which system of law was to determine whether an instrument was negotiable. That was a difficult question and the court did not need to decide it.

By English law, whether as the law of the forum or the law of the place of alleged negotiation, the share certificates were not negotiable; so English law was not applicable.

By New York law they might be negotiable; but New York was not the forum nor the place of alleged negotiation. So one had to look elsewhere for a choice of law rule and not apply the rule for negotiable instruments.

The general rule for choses in action was stated in rule 120 of *Dicey & Morris* (at p979) which was based on article 12 of the Rome Convention on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations 1980, scheduled to the Contracts (Applicable Law) Act 1990.

For choses in action in general the lex loci actus had been rejected. So had the proper law of the assignment except for the limited purposes of rule 120(1). It was not argued that shares were within article 12 of the Rome Convention, and therefore within rule 120 of *Dicey & Morris*. Indeed it might be that shares had a rule of their own.

The decision of the House of Lords in *Colonial Bank v Cady* ((1890) 15 App Cas 267) was authority for the proposition that to some extent, as between transferor and transferee, the effect of an assignment of shares was determined by the law of the place where the assignment took place. It was important to determine the limits of that proposition.

Four points were clear from *Colonial Bank v Cady*.

First, there was a dual conflict rule, which allocated some issues to one country and others to another.

Second, the issue in that case was as to who was entitled to the certificates, not as negotiable instruments but as pieces of paper.

Third, that issue was to be decided by English law, since the transaction took place here or (per Lord Watson) the parties to it were domiciled here.

Fourth, any issue as to the effect of possession of the certificates, or as to how shares could be transferred, should be decided by the law of the company's domicile or, it would seem, its place of incorporation.

His Lordship did not find it easy to determine the precise borderline between points three and four in that case, or for that matter between paragraphs (1) and (2) in rule 120 of *Dicey & Morris*. But what was clear was that the issue in the present case came in the second class and had to be decided by the law of New York.

It was not an issue as to the validity of a contract between Macmillan and one or other of the defendants. Nor was there any issue as to the validity of the contract of loan between one of the Maxwell companies and one or other of the defendants, or as to the validity of the pledge as between those parties.

The issue was whether, in the words of Lord Bramwell and Lord Herschell in *Colonial Bank v Cady*, there had been an act effectual by New York law to transfer the property in the shares.

The court had been referred to a number of transatlantic cases. In some of them the question was decided by the law of the place where the certificates were, apparently on the ground that by the law of the place of incorporation the company was given power to issue certificates having that effect.

Subject to that, the preponderance of authority was that the ownership of shares was to be determined by the law of the situs, which for this purpose was the place of incorporation.

His Lordship concluded that an issue as to who had title to shares in a company should be decided by the law of the place where the shares were situated, the lex situs.

In the ordinary way, unless they were negotiable instruments by English law, that was the law of the place where the company was incorporated. There might be cases where it was arguably the law of the place where the share register was kept, but that problem did not arise today.

Whether it be situs, place of incorporation or place of share register, the answer was the law of and prevailing in the state of New York. His Lordship therefore agreed with the conclusion reached by Mr Justice Millett, although he had reached it by a somewhat different route.

Situs and incorporation had the advantage of pointing to one system of law which was unlikely to be transient and could not be manipulated by a purchaser of shares in order to gain priority.

If a lender of money chose to take as security shares in companies incorporated in a number of different jurisdictions, he might have to make different inquiries so as to satisfy himself as to his title. He did not deserve much sympathy on that account, particularly as his Lordship did not know whether lenders were particularly diligent in making any inquiries at all.

Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Aldous gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Freshfields; Watson Farley & Williams; Clifford Chance.

Fraud does not destroy refugee protection

M v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment October 24]

An asylum seeker putting forward a fraudulent and baseless claim might be guilty of a criminal offence but was not thereby deprived of the protection of the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmnd 9171) and (1967) (Cmnd 3906). However, an applicant, having been found to be devoid of any credibility, might find difficulty in establishing a well founded fear of persecution.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when finding that the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had applied wrong principles in refusing an application for asylum in the United Kingdom by M, a citizen of Zaire, but dismissing his appeal on the ground that the tribunal's decision was unassailable on the facts.

Mr Andrew Nicol, QC and Mr John Walsh for the applicant; Mr Robin Tam for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that M, having no right of abode in the UK, applied for asylum, giving an account of his imprisonment and ill-treatment in Zaire. The special adjudicator heard evidence from him and found that he was totally devoid of any credibility. Asked to consider the risk to M of having made an asylum application which failed and then being returned to Zaire, the adjudicator concluded that he was not satisfied that M would be at risk of arrest on his return.

On M's appeal the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had pointed out that M was a fraud and it held that a person who put forward a fraudulent and baseless claim for asylum was not able to bring himself within the Convention.

The issue which was raised was whether, despite a bogus claim, the applicant nevertheless came within the requirement of the Convention on the basis of making the asylum application.

Unattractive though such an argument was, Mr Nicol asserted that by making the application, the applicant had proved to the requisite standard that he would be at risk of persecution if he was returned to Zaire as a failed asylum seeker.

In *R v IAT, Ex parte Senga* (unreported, March 9, 1994) the issue was whether the very fact of making the asylum application might itself create the possibility of persecution by the authorities for a Convention reason.

Mr Justice Laws had said that it was "erroneous as a matter of law to hold that there can never be a case in which, by the very act of claiming asylum, an applicant puts himself at risk of persecution".

Expressed as a matter of law Mr Justice Laws was correct. But, as Mr Nicol accepted, in practice to rely on the making of the application rather than its contents would be exceptional: an extremely rare case, but hypothetically possible.

In a fraudulent application based on false facts in which the applicant's story was disbelieved, his credibility would be called into question and even if he could establish he did not set up the application for asylum to create a danger of persecution, he would be likely to find it extremely difficult to demonstrate to the required standard a genuine subjective fear coming within the definition of the Convention.

An unsuccessful claim for asylum might be seen within a spectrum ranging from a truthful but over-optimistic account through various degrees of inaccuracy to a totally false and fraudulent story. The making of a false claim could not act as a total barrier to reconsideration of the applicant's status as a possible refugee, but the farther along the spectrum of falsehood and bogus claims the infinitely more difficult it would be to prove to the requisite standard the requirements of the Convention.

It was important not to underestimate the difficulties for an applicant after exposure of his bogus claim for asylum. Neither the secretary of state nor the appellate tribunals were to be expected to suspend disbelief in the assessment of applications.

In the instant case, he tribunal found as a matter of principle that any person who put forward a fraudulent and baseless claim could not thereafter bring himself within the Convention. It was in error.

But the matter did not end there as the tribunal had gone on to consider the merits of the case. Having done so it had come to a decision on the facts which was unassailable.

Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Hereward & Foster, North Woolwich; Treasury Solicitor.

Termination of contract was occasion of loss

Young v Purdy

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment November 2]

The wrongful termination by a solicitor of a retainer to act for a client in proceedings for ancillary relief for herself against her former husband, following which the client herself submitted to the court a defective application for relief, then remarried and therefore effectively lost the right to claim relief for herself, was the occasion of the client suffering damage and not the cause of it.

In the circumstances, the solicitor could not reasonably be expected to have foreseen the client's actions, whether separately or in combination, after the breach of contract.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of the defendant solicitor, Janis L. Purdy, a sole practitioner, against the judgment of Mr Peter Crawford, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court when on May 11, 1994, he gave judgment for the plaintiff, Jeanette Theresa Young, on a preliminary hearing on liability, with damages to be assessed, in her action for damages for breach of contract in negligence for an alleged improper unilateral termination of the retainer. The Court of Appeal awarded nominal damages for breach of contract in the sum of £2.

Mr Guy Mansfield, QC and Mr Gavin Hamilton for the defendant solicitor; Mr Roderick Denyer, QC and Mr Nicholas Marston for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that two days after the termination of the retainer in January 1990 the plaintiff lodged a form for relief which was defective in that it failed to make any claim for financial provision for herself.

The plaintiff remarried in February before the defect could be remedied, and by section 28(3) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 she was effectively barred from claiming relief for herself from her former husband.

His Lordship said that there was no appeal against the judge's finding that the solicitor wrongly terminated the retainer without notice, but her case was that the breach of contract did not cause the loss of the plaintiff's right to seek financial relief for herself, nor was such loss foreseeable from the breach.

The solicitor knew that the plaintiff was cohabiting, her instructions were that the plaintiff did not have any present or foreseeable intention to remarry and the plaintiff was aware of the necessity to lodge the application for relief and affidavit in support before any remarriage.

The judge made three unequivocal findings on the burden of proof: that the court should be slow to find that the termination of the retainer was without effect, that a client without the benefit of legal advice might act foolishly, and that it was for the solicitor to establish that the absence of advice made no difference, the onus on the solicitor was a heavy one.

He also found that there was a causal relationship between the solicitor's wrongful termination and the plaintiff's subsequent actions, and he applied judicial common sense following *Galoo Ltd v Bright Grahame Murray (a Firm)* ([1994] 1 WLR 1360).

Mr Mansfield contended that the effect of the breach was to leave the plaintiff without a solicitor but it did not cause her to act without one, and it did not cause her to lodge a defective application; the judge was wrong to reverse the burden of proof.

The correct approach, he submitted, was as set out in *Quin v Burch Brothers (Builders) Ltd* ([1966] 2 QB 370, 391F-G, 394-395). Furthermore, he criticised the judge's finding on foreseeability, that it was reasonably foreseeable the plaintiff would act in person in a hurry, and so foolishly, after the termination, so that the termination should have been made after the lodging of the application.

Mr Mansfield contended that it was not foreseeable the plaintiff would act in person, lodge an incorrect application and remarry; although the judge, on evidence from the plaintiff's previous solicitor, found that she was inclined to be emotive and act rashly, the loss of the right to claim was not in the parties' contemplation at termination.

Mr Denyer said that the judge was right to apply judicial common sense, and while the reversal of the burden of proof was wrong, the judge was merely deprecating the contention that no loss flowed from the solicitor's default. The main cause of the loss was the defective form, and the remarriage and *Sayers v Harlow UDC* ([1958] 1 WLR 623) was to be preferred to the *Quin* case.

In his Lordship's view, the *Sayers* case was very different and depended on defective performance of a contract as distinct from non-performance as in the present and the *Quin* cases.

As to whether the solicitor should have anticipated the remarriage, the affidavit had been drawn up by her and correctly set out the position as far as she was concerned. The premature termination of the retainer made it possible that, despite evidence showing the plaintiff's previous representation by solicitors, she would lodge the affidavit and complete the application herself. That was not to say the solicitor's action caused completion of the application form.

The test as to application of judicial common sense in the *Galoo* case was an unsure guide in seeking to ascertain whether a particular breach of a duty of care which resulted in loss was to be judged in law as having caused it.

That depended essentially on whether the breach relied on was what was sometimes called the effective cause of the loss, or on the other hand was merely an occurrence without which no loss would have been sustained.

The contention in the present case was, if the solicitor had continued to act, the plaintiff would not have acted on her own, and negligently. That would not avail the plaintiff. As in the *Quin* case, the breach of contract afforded the plaintiff the opportunity to act negligently.

She took it and suffered damage; the solicitor's negligence was the occasion of the damage and not the cause of it; see Lord Justice Salmon in the *Quin* case, at p395A.

The loss of the plaintiff's right to claim was entirely due to her acting on her own, the failure to lodge a correct application form, and her remarrying before its rectification.

Those matters the solicitor could not reasonably have been expected to have foreseen whether separately or in combination.

Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Pinsent Curtis, Birmingham; Kirby Simcox, Bristol.

Breath specimen should have stood in evidence

Director of Public Prosecutions v Berry

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment October 30]

Where a person suspected of drink driving gave a positive breath sample that was low enough to ensure that he was able to offer a sample of blood or urine in its place but, partly as a consequence of the alcohol he had taken, he was unable to understand the choice available to him, he could not complain that he had been denied his rights and the evidence of the breath specimen was admissible.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so observed when allowing the appeal of the Director of Public Prosecutions against the acquittal of Colin Berry by Bradford Justices on March 30, 1995 for driving after consuming alcohol in excess of the prescribed limit and remitting the case to the justices.

Section 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 provides: "(2) If the specimen with the lower proportion of alcohol contains no more than 50 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, the person who provided it may claim that it should be replaced by such specimen as may be required under section 7(4) of this Act and, if he then provides such a specimen, neither specimen of breath shall be used."

Section 7 provides: "(4) If the provision of a specimen other than a specimen of breath may be required in pursuance of this section the question whether it is to be a specimen of blood or a specimen of urine shall be decided by the constable making the requirement. . ."

Mr J. Benjamin Crosland for the DPP; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER said that since the defendant's consumption of alcohol had contributed to his inability to comprehend the offer to him to replace the breath specimen with blood or urine he could not complain that the breath specimen became inadmissible.

The question was whether the defendant had been deprived of his right to have the breath specimen replaced by blood or urine under sections 8(2) and 7(4) of the 1988 Act.

The clear inference from the facts was that the defendant's consumption of alcohol either caused or contributed to his inability to understand the offer to replace the breath specimen. The breath specimen should have stood in evidence.

Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Latham agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Bradford.

Council need not pay all fees at school

Regina v Hackney London Borough Council, Ex parte C

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment October 24]

Where, in a statement of special educational needs, a local education authority named a particular non-maintained school as appropriate for a child's education it was not necessarily under a duty to pay all the child's fees at that school.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by a child aged seven, C, against the refusal of Mr Justice Auld on July 1, 1994 to quash the decision of the London Borough of Hackney, the local education authority, not to pay C's fees at the non-maintained school it had specified as the appropriate school for his education in Part IV of a statement of special educational needs made pursuant to section 7 of the Education Act 1981, as substituted by section 237(1) and Schedule 12 to the Education Reform Act 1988.

Mr Philip Engelman for the child; Mr Clive Lewis for the local education authority.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that Mr Engelman had submitted that once a local education authority had prepared a statement of special educational needs pursuant to section 7 of the 1981 Act it was under a single indivisible duty to arrange provision of all the child's special educational needs and that included a duty to pay the fees of any school named in Part IV of the statement, headed "appropriate school or other arrangement".

However, C's parents had had a firm and settled intention that C should attend an ordinary orthodox Jewish school. The local authority had considered that the non-maintained school favoured by the parents was suitable for C provided that the assistance of a special needs assistant was made available, for which the local authority was willing to pay.

His Lordship would regard it as absurd if, by naming a school in a statement of special educational needs, the authority was held to be liable for all the fees at that school.

The particular school had not been necessary as part of C's special educational provision.

It was agreed to be a suitable school and, as a school acceptable to the parents, the authority had placed it in Part IV of the statement. The authority could equally have put "ordinary school with identified support".

The naming of a particular school in the statement could not, in the circumstances, be elevated into an undertaking to pay all the fees at that school.

Lord Justice Henry agreed and Lord Justice Staughton gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby; Mr C. R. Hinde, Hackney.

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Solicitors for the Company

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■ VISUAL ART 1

The rising generation goes centre-stage: from the quirky Mark Wallinger at the Tate...



■ VISUAL ART 2

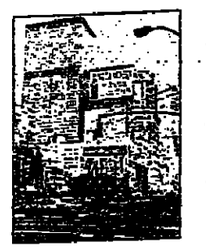
...to Gillian Wearing at the massive British Art Show — the Young Turks state their intent

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■ VISUAL ART 3

...while in London the great Africa parade rolls on with shows of textiles and metalwork



■ TOMORROW

Postcard from Broadway: New York's top new shows reviewed by Benedict Nightingale

Richard Cork on the Tate's exhibition of Turner candidates and Manchester's British Art Show; plus London galleries

Hirst commands two fronts

So far this autumn, the art of the past has dominated the blockbuster shows. But now contemporary work at its most challenging moves centre-stage. At the Tate Gallery the four shortlisted contenders for the Turner Prize limber up for the £20,000 award on November 28. And next Sunday the British Art Show opens in seven galleries throughout Manchester. By the time its national tour finishes in the summer of 1996, this large survey will also have given its 26 artists a comprehensive airing in Edinburgh and Cardiff.

As one of the British Art Show's selectors, along with Rose Finn-Kelcey and Thomas Lawson, I am in no position to assess its merits. But it could hardly be happening at a better moment. New art in this country enjoys an outstandingly high reputation today. Curators, critics and collectors in many different countries are excited about the vitality of British artists. Their work is galvanised by a strong sense of confidence, inventiveness and subversive humour. Far from lapsing into complacency over burgeoning international success, they continue to face their images with disconcerting insights.

> "The most satisfying Turner Prize survey I have seen"

Take the **Turner Prize** show, where the Tate has at last given each of the front-runners the ample space they deserve. Despite the kerfuffle last week over the non-appearance of Damien Hirst's principal exhibit, he emerges very powerfully. *Mother and Child, Divided* may be dismissed by the tabloid press as a publicity stunt, but in my view it is one of his most impressive works. I first saw it at the 1993 Biennale in Venice, a city dominated by Renaissance paintings of sublime madonnas and their offspring. Hirst's sliced cow and calf offer a far bleaker view as we pass between their bodies, each eerily suspended in formaldehyde.

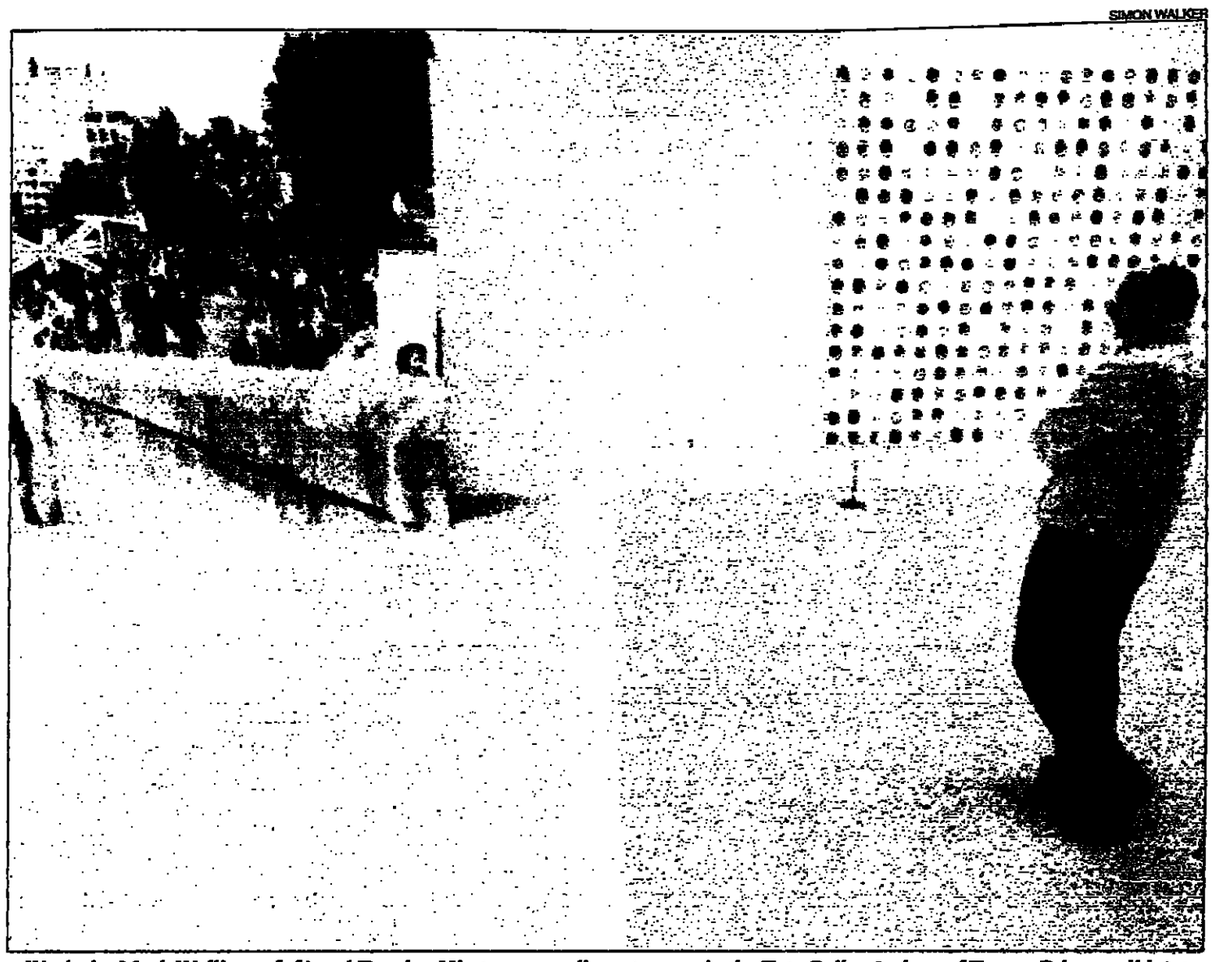
Mona Hatoum's work is almost as disquieting. Her *Corps étranger*, a video projected on to the circular floor of a claustrophobic chamber, was shown at the Tate earlier this year. It has lost none of its visceral impact. We stare down at the images transmitted by minuscule medical cameras as they travel through the artist's body. Recordings of her heartbeats heighten the tension and air of vulnerability, whereas, in her other room, *Light Sentence* is utterly silent. A naked bulb, enclosed by stacks of wire-mesh lockers, moves slowly up and down. The complex shadows it casts on surrounding walls heighten the sense of melancholy constriction conveyed by the empty, seemingly abandoned cages.

Mark Wallinger, by contrast, is not afraid to deploy humour in his dissection of national life. At the Tate, his images concentrate on horse racing, and some of the large canvases seem as still and immaculate as Stubbs's horse paintings. Then we realise, with a shock, that each of Wallinger's stallions is a hybrid image. Two different animals cut in half, as abruptly as Hirst's sliced mother and child, only to be joined together in an incongruous whole.

For Wallinger, painting is only one medium among many. Callum Innes, however, is solely preoccupied with oil on canvas. This Edinburgh-based artist loads his brush with turpentine and washes away the colour already applied to the canvas. The results are arrestingly varied: sometimes the turpentine trails are left as a series of thin vertical stripes, running from the top of the picture to the base. On other occasions, the washing process begins to generate new forms, suggesting that Innes has no intention of adhering to absolute abstraction.

Innes is a refined and seductive artist, and his presence rounds off the most satisfying Turner Prize survey I have yet seen. Both Hirst and Wallinger are also included in **The British Art Show**, where their willingness to move freely from one medium to another typifies many of the contributors. At Upper Campfield Market, a freshly converted Victorian building which provides Manchester with a spectacular new exhibition space, an extraordinary variety of work will be displayed alongside Hirst's celebrated floating sheep work, *Away from the Flock*.

SIMON WALKER



Works by Mark Wallinger (left) and Damien Hirst occupy adjacent rooms in the Tate Gallery's show of Turner Prize candidates

Gary Hume is committed to painting, but he is heretical enough to employ shiny household gloss in his determination to revitalise the figurative tradition. Kerry Stewart takes liberties with the figure in sculpture, drawing on charity statues as she explores adolescent sexuality and childhood fears.

The possibilities of photography are investigated in widely diverse ways. Gillian Wearing uses her camera in a documentary spirit, inviting people to write down their spontaneous observations and pose beside them. But Jane and Louise Wilson take their camera indoors, using theatrical lighting and illusionism to explore mysterious rooms filled with ominous expectancy. Hermione Wiltshire incorporates photographic images of body parts in wall-works which arouse sensual responses and yet undermine them.

Elsewhere in the Market, visitors will move between extremes of experience. John Frankland's shining sculpture encloses a shed in a silvery, highly reflective coating. However much it attracts us, this beguiling structure cannot be entered. Christine Borland, on the other hand, lets us go into a Portakabin and explore all the bizarre and gruesome contents of her *Black Museum*. To watch the artist Steve McQueen's powerful films in another exhibit, viewers will have to penetrate the darkness of the two rooms where they are projected. But Tacita Dean's film of a girl stowaway on a tall ship is shown in a space otherwise given over to a teasing blend of evidence about her elusive heroine.

Three more artists rely on their ability to transform everyday objects, ranging from Jordan Baseman's hair-clogged shirts and Permindar Kaur's dagger-adorned dress to Lucia Nogueira's rug, mysteriously flanked by clusters of broken glass. Chris Ofili, however, does not interfere with the brazen reality of the elephant dung he applies to his meticulously crafted paintings, where William Blake vies with African art as the dominant influence.

Although the Market is by far the largest exhibition space, the other six galleries offer equally thought-provoking installations. At the Chinese Arts Centre, Mat Collishaw will transform the main space with his intricate video work. Anya Gallaccio is smothering the walls of the Castlefield Gallery with chocolate. And Douglas Gordon's mesmerising, large-screen film works will compel attention in the monumental interior of the Metropolitan Galleries, alongside Ceal Floyer's cunningly understated light-projection.

At the City Art Galleries, Georgina Starr is setting up an elaborate video ensemble based on childhood memories of a science-fiction film. But silence is restored at the Whitworth Art Gallery, where Bridget Smith's photographs of cinema interiors share the space with Marcus Taylor's luminous Perspex sculptures.

Finally, at Cornerhouse, Wallinger's work on the top floor is followed in the space below by two disturbing sets of images: Catherine Yass's unearthly light-box photographs of hospital corridors, and Julie Roberts's clinical paintings of mortuaries and dentists' chairs. The sense of unease continues on the lowest floor, where Sam Taylor-Wood's video installation combines everyday lassitude with intense, operatic emotion.

● The Turner Prize Exhibition *at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (0171-887 8000) until Dec 3*

● The British Art Show, *Manchester (0161-953 4239) from Nov 12 until Feb 4*

Wearing art on their sleeves

AROUND THE GALLERIES

VIVID colour and vibrant patterns are the trademark of the African textiles from the past 150 years now exhibited at the Barbican Art Gallery. But the welcoming figure of a giant Botero-like fabric coffin is an indication that this show is far more than the re-creation of a sumptuous haberdashery store.

The coffin is of a type made out of blankets by Kongo artists in western Zaire early this century. High above is an Islamic hanging specially commissioned from leading Cairo tent-maker Salah El Din M. El Ozy, inscribed: "Say it to the one who knows it all. You might have learnt something, but many things have slipped you by."

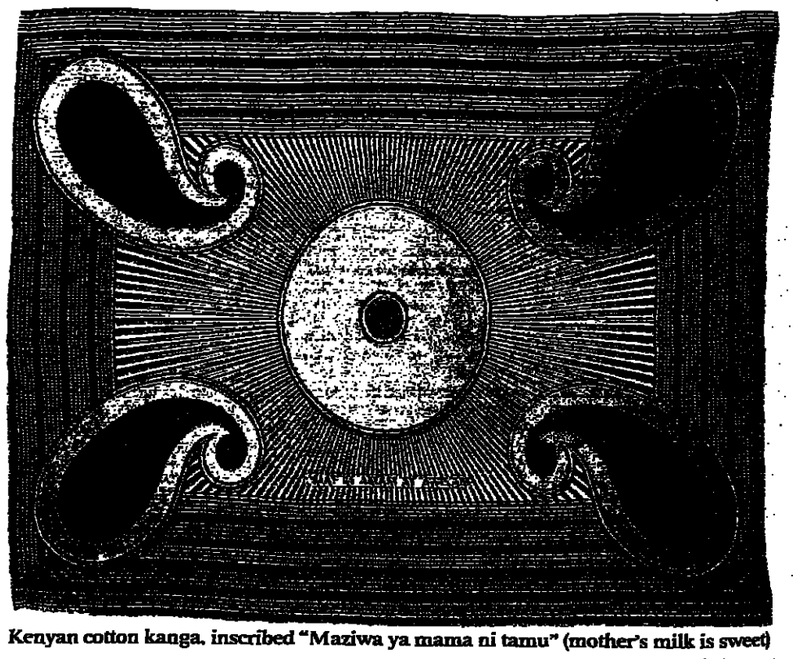
The exhibition aims to inform, and includes textiles embodying a great variety of materials, designs and purposes. There are vast lengths of raffia-palm fibre made by Kuba weavers in Zaire both for funerary display and women's festive skirts. From Nigeria there are masquerade costumes and Yoruba bead crowns; and from the Fante communities of the Ghanaian coast are military flags illustrated with crocodiles and dragons and aeroplanes from local proverbs.

Among the numerous lengths of material, some printed with remarkable photographic likenesses, often political, are a colourful array of kangas, a rectangular cloth which has been the most popular woman's garment on the East African coast for 140 years and is valuable enough to be pawned in family emergencies. The kanga — its name derives from the Kiswahili word for guinea fowl, a bird noted for its chattering — is now threatened by second-hand clothes being imported from Europe.

Lurex gowns, which are the height of male fashion in Lagos, contrast with the installation by Yinka Shonibare of three ladies' Victorian-style costumes with bustles created using African wax prints, a humorous look at the complexity of influences on African textiles as well as pointing up their importance as a form of art.

The wax prints are perhaps the most intriguing textiles of all, stemming from 19th-century Dutch attempts to undercut Indonesian batik production and promoted in West Africa by former mercenaries repatriated there from the Far East. But the best-dressed African ladies now order top African fabrics from a firm in Manchester.

Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (0171 382 7105) until December 10



Kenyan cotton kanga, inscribed "Maziwa ya mama ni tamu" (mother's milk is sweet)



Recycled steel chair by Ajibike Oguny, Nigeria

☐ The Crafts Council's exuberant exhibition of African metalwork ranges from an early 20th-century Malagasy crown, top-heavy with coloured stones, to a recycled steel chair sculpted as a human body by the Nigerian Ajibike Oguny. Metal work, whether decorative or mundane, is taken particularly seriously in Africa.

Little in this show is quite as it seems. Among the older artefacts, hoe blades from Central Africa turn out to be a form of currency; throwing-knives of various tribes prove impractical except as status symbols; iron bird staffs from Nigeria are an antidote to bad spells; exquisite miniature brass animals are actually Asante weights for measuring gold.

Appearance is similarly deceptive among more contemporary work such as Aaron Maledadi's shopping baskets from Zimbabwe ingeniously made out of an assortment of bottle tops; or the candles devised, also in Zimbabwe, by Aaron Masaka from recycled metal and inverted coloured lightbulbs.

Fine aluminium wall plaques of human and animal figures by the Nigerian Yekinni Folurosun follow in the Benin tradition; while so-called Benin bronzes, made famous after a British punitive expedition sacked the City of Benin in 1897, are revealed to be made of brass, a more powerful metal for repelling evil. The only pity is that detailed information is not forthcoming on many of the pieces in this stunning show.

Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, London N1 (0171 278 7700) until November 19

ALISON BECKETT

Pat looking at a CD case, Mark drumming fingers on the desk, singing chorus badly. EMF HAVE BLOWN IT NOW, DON'T YOU THINK? Who's that? EMF. It's difficult to see... I MEAN THAT COMEBACK SINGLE JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN DID IT. Hang on, there was the Vic and Bob thing got to number three. YEAH Mark selects trail cartridge, looks at clock BUT THAT WAS MORE VIC AND BOB THAN THEM.

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■ DANCE 1

Not in front of the children: Matthew Bourne takes *Swan Lake* into the naughty Nineties



■ DANCE 2

Part love story, part mystery: Aletta Collins's new *This is the Picture* beguiles as it progresses

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■ MUSIC 1

Less is more as the London Sinfonietta gives superb performances of Anton Webern



■ MUSIC 2

... while in Manchester the keys jangle at the RNCM's *Glories of the Keyboard* festival

POP

OJ back on the menu

A DOZEN years after his crisp tune-crafting last got a serious look-in, Edwyn Collins suddenly came in from the cold and found a roaring fire awaiting him this year with *A Girl Like You*, a big, old-fashioned single whose ultimately irresistible hook and fuzz guitar are now an indelible part of the soundtrack of 1995.

Punters and programmers alike needed a second nudge to cash in this treasure, and were only given that chance because the record had meanwhile gained international notoriety. The song's Top Five placing in the summer and a subsequent, equally belated Top Ten spot for its parent album, *Gorgeous George*, amounted to the kind of comeback that is rarely seen in a world in which fashions change mid-song. For Collins to return to favour some 15 years after being a name to drop as leader of Scottish guitar group Orange Juice is a feat of pure pop cryogenics.

Edwyn Collins
Empire, W12

It turns out, of course, to be the same old pithy Edwyn. It is merely the halls that got slightly bigger again, and a well attended Empire took to Collins as soon as he arrived to the twangs of Heinz's *Just Like Eddie*. Solo at first, he presented a few acoustic selections, including a version of the beguiling Rod McKuen ballad *Love's Been Good to Me*, best known as a Frank Sinatra hit.

The unguarded romanticism of its lyric did not reappear: Collins's own style, often informed by 1960s and 1970s R&B, continues to be healthily sardonic and winningly melodic. *Make Me Feel Again*, from the current album, was a typical, sulky love song: "Don't need no forward planner, I'm acting on a whim/just need your bedside manner to make me well again."

As ever, Collins played the ironic guitar hero, leaping and posing in white shoes and perennial quiff. One hoped it was ironic, because he is no axe king, but fellow guitarist Steve Skinner was on hand for support in a tight and affable band completed by Clare Kenny on bass and former Sex Pistols drummer Paul Cook. Helpings of Orange Juice were liberal, with *What Presence* and *Felicity* particularly engaging, and *Rip It Up* was played with a celebratory sense of fun. Welcome back from the deep freeze.

PAUL SEXTON

Fowl play with the boys

DANCE: Matthew Bourne's gender-bending *Swan Lake* is neither cheap gimmick nor gay polemic, he tells **Allen Robertson**

Matthew Bourne's career may be on a roll, but his new project is the biggest gamble he has ever risked. His company, Adventures in Motion Pictures, is odds-on favourite for the title of most popular dance troupe in Britain. It may have been in existence only since 1987, but it has twice been nominated for an Olivier Award.

Now Bourne is upping the ante by taking on *Swan Lake*, possibly the best-loved ballet in the entire canon. And although there is no doubt that he is giving it the full Bourne treatment, he is nonetheless taking an entirely different slant this time around. The show, which opens at Sadler's Wells on Thursday, is an imaginative update of the original, complete with a scene in a Soho nightclub peopled by characters modelled on the Kray twins, Christine Keeler, Joe Orton, a well-known pop singer snorting cocaine — and Barbara Windsor as a barmaid. But, despite such arch invention, Bourne's intention is a world away from the satiric irony which made his earlier productions such giddy, crowd-pleasing delights.

> "Any laughs at the Swan's entrance won't last long"

"OK," Bourne says, "I am trying something new, something that is quite unusual for me, but I think it has more depth to it and I hope people will like it because, after all, that's the reason for doing it."

The eye-catching poster for *Swan Lake* features AMP stalwart Scott Ambler, as the Prince, posing nude with a swan nestled in his lap. That the swan in the picture, a live bird from a rent-a-pet talent agency, happens to be named Desmond is precisely the sort of thing that gives AMP devotees a good giggle. Add into the equation the fact that the Swan on the stage is not going to be a latter-day Margot Fonteyn but Adam Cooper, a handsome young man imported from the Royal Ballet, and you could be excused for thinking that Bourne is up to his old tricks.

He adamantly insists you would be wrong. Bourne, now 35, also insists that this is not as if he were rewriting Shakespeare as *Romeo and Romeo*. Far from trying to score politically correct points from a gay relationship, he is attempting to make legitimate contemporary sense out of the most powerful and mysterious score the ballet world can claim as its own.

His reasons for changing the sex of the Swan are far from glib. For Bourne the Swan represents everything the Prince wishes he could be: free, unfettered, wild. So Cooper becomes a wish fulfilment, a representation of the eternally unobtainable.

Bourne says that the motivation for the Prince's fascination with the Swans (all of whom are danced by men) is a bit like the play *Equus*. "That boy was obsessed with horses. For our Prince, the Swan represents something he aspires to, something he dreams about, but something he can't reconcile with his very restrictive royal life, with his cold mother, his press secretary and his rowdy American girlfriend."

To reinforce this view, Bourne begins the ballet with a child Prince having a dream about the Swan. "The reason for that is to show what the Prince's character was like as a boy, that he's always been a bit of a mess.

"The Prince is someone whose life is starved of love, starved of affection. Everyone's so distant from him. Nobody touches him. So, by the time we get to Act II, when the Prince meets the Swan, we see that he's a desperate and very lonely person, so you could interpret the Swan as his missing parental figure.

"It really is a comfort thing rather than a sexual thing: not unlike a guardian angel. And remember this is all happening in his head. My version of the story doesn't have anything to do with a medieval magician dressed up like an owl. The Swans aren't victims of some magic curse, they are figments of the Prince's imagination. It's much more the Prince's story and what they mean to him. The Swans are his escape, his mental escape."

That may be a fine psychological interpretation of the plot, but Bourne must realise that he is skating on thin ice. "Oh, I'm not denying that some people will look at it as a gay love story. But for me the Swan isn't sex, it's affection, it's tenderness. It is all the emotions the Prince can't have in his real life."

But if the Prince's vision of happiness is another man, surely that makes it a gay love story? "I'm not denying that interpretation is there," Bourne says. "Of course you can read it that way because it is the story of someone who can't be himself. But I also think there's a lot more in there."

All right, so this is meant to be the tale of a demented dreamer who projects his fantasy life on to a Swan; but what is Bourne going to feel like if Cooper makes his first entrance and the audience starts laughing at the seeming incongruity? "Well, I won't be very happy."

But isn't that response almost inevitable? "I don't think so. But people can be odd. The people who are coming because they want to laugh, because they think we're going to be giving them a Michael Clark dildos-and-streakers sort of evening, are the kind of people who think every minute of everything we do is funny. That's happened with some of our other shows and you can't stop that kind of thing. But I think that even if there are some laughs at the Swan's entrance they won't last for long, because there isn't really anything to laugh about.

"This is a tragedy and I'm not spending nearly three hours sending it up. That would be a bit over the top, don't you think?

"Also I've very consciously tried to stage it from the music and with choreography rather than through jokes and with acting. I'm doing what I feel works with Tchaikovsky's fantastic music. I have consciously made it more dancey than anything that I've done before. If we can get it right, I defy anyone to laugh. But you never know until it's in front of an audience."

Swan Lake is by far the biggest-ever AMP production. The cast numbers 32, backed by a full orchestra of 60 under the baton of David Lloyd-Jones. The elaborate sets and costumes are the creation of top stage designer Lez Brotherston.

"If it all goes well on opening night," Bourne admits, "it will be as good as winning the lottery."

● Swan Lake *is at Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (0171-713 6000) from Thursday until Nov 25. It then goes on national tour until March*

ROBIN MAYES



"For me the Swan isn't sex, it's affection, it's tenderness," says Matthew Bourne

Picture revealed from the fog of confusion

Aletta Collins
Riverside Studios

Aletta Collins likes stories, which is perhaps one reason why she is happy choreographing for opera. She also likes words, and the piece performed by the Aletta Collins Dance Company as part of Dance Umbrella has a dance-theatre architecture which welds taped speech and song (Barbra Streisand, Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs) with dance and an instrumental score by Graham Fitkin.

This is the Picture pools the creative resources of Collins, Helen Cooper (writer) and Tom Cairns (the director and designer with whom Collins does all her work). It is part-love story, part-mystery, cleverly starting with a complex situation and then explaining it drop by drop, so that the fog of confusion gradually (and mostly) disperses and the second half becomes clearer and better than the first.

In Cairns's sparse, pastel bedroom, Daniel Belton is Alistair, sprawled in bed, deep in nocturnal dreams. Around him are the other performers: Andrew George who hulas his hips with an invisible hoop; Ragnhild Olsen who just stands; Rachel Krische who sleeps on a table; and Collins who shrugs on her coat and stares at the suitcase on the floor. Who are these people? Why is this happening? Collins repeatedly begins a farewell letter to the unconscious Alistair, only to crumple it up, the voice-over reading its content and allowing us slowly to collate circumstances and reasons.

The words, the singing, the postures speak a language of love and sadness that is operatic in its naked intensity. But the piece falters with a free-wheeling, naturalist choreography which lacks compelling shape, so that too often it looks like so much visual verbiage composed by the yard like Fitkin's tedious and blithe stream of impersonal xylophonic notes.

Fitkin's music was lifted from *Alistair Fish*, the 15-minute BBC television film made by Collins and Cairns which also deals with the theme of departure. It should have been shown as an opener to the piece, but unfortunately technical problems proclaimed their victory.

NADINE MEISNER

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Wisps of glory from the master

LS/Stenz
Queen Elizabeth Hall

NOWHERE is one more aware of Anton Webern's concern to pare things down to absolutely bare essentials than in the Six Pieces, Op 6, of 1909. And Sunday's London Sinfonietta concert underlined the point by giving the work in its chamber version.

One relished more than ever the exiguous flecks of sound, such as the barely attenuated string and clarinet sonorities, or the distant rumbles on bass drum, gong and bells. The Sinfonietta, under Markus Stenz, was supremely effective at suggesting the cusp between silence and sound.

Webern's music enclosed two recent scores, by Simon Bainbridge and Robert Saxton, each featuring a solo instrument. Bainbridge's *Landscape and Memory*, a Sinfonietta commission receiving its premiere, is scored for solo horn and chamber orchestra, with a second off-stage horn mimicking its counterpart out of phase.

The title, borrowed from Simon Schama's book, refers to the hazy, frozen musical soundscape — a stunningly suggestive effect — through which the protagonist (the eloquent Michael Thompson) wends his sinuous path. This must be the only piece, too, in which a horn player has to operate snare drums, amplified with contact microphones, by his resonance alone.

Where the process of Bainbridge's work is so subtle that one hardly notices it, that of Saxton in *Psalm — A Song of Ascents*, heard originally in 1993, moves through a circle of ascending fifths. A further binding principle is its steady acceleration from slow to fast, reflecting a metaphysical shift from darkness to light. This beautifully elaborated work was intended as a song for the solo instrument rather than a conventional concerto, and John Wallace did well to curb his virtuoso instincts, even in the cadenza-like passage which leads off the final section. Three short choral works by Webern, admirably given by the London Sinfonietta Chorus, completed a superb concert.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Touch of poetry

Anne Queffélec
RNCM, Manchester

NO FESTIVAL has loftier ideals than the *Glories of the Keyboard* at the Royal Northern College of Music. Seeking, with support from the Broadwood Trust, to "reflect the many strands of genius and inspiration which have combined to form the keyboard repertoire of today", the artistic director, Renna Kellaway, put together more than 20 events in four days and still, of course, got nowhere near it.

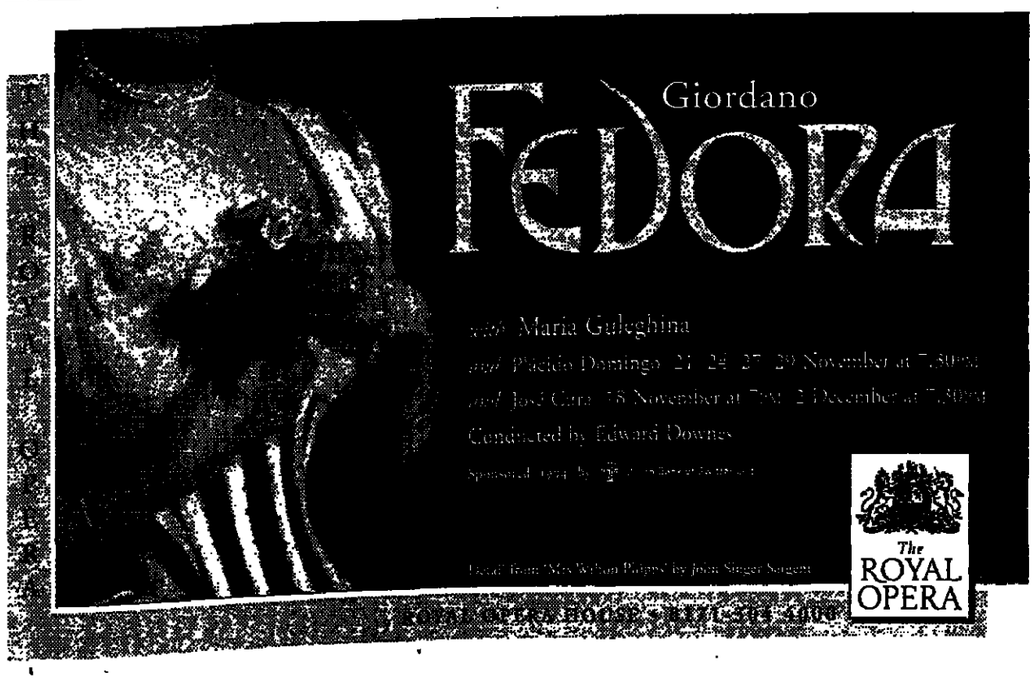
A parade of the great and not necessarily very good dropped in more or less at random to deliver their regular recital routine. There was, however, Anne Queffélec, who came as a French specialist and stayed to present a master class, to give a recital and to take part in an anthology of concertos with the BBC Philharmonic.

The performance of *Jeux d'eau* at the beginning of her Ravel recital was not, frankly, encouraging. It was so unfluid, so deliberate, that it seemed that the poetic side of the composer had been summarily rejected. But it was only 11am: by the time she had eased her way into *Miroirs*, by way of the *Sonatine*, poetry was very much in evidence. *Noctuelles*, which is perhaps the most elusive of the five pieces, was brilliantly capricious in its movements and inspired in its colouring.

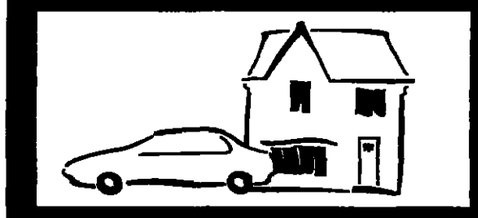
There was no lack of fluidity in *Une Barque sur l'océan*, poised on floating rhythms and lashed by squalls of virtuoso figurations. *Oiseaux tristes* was so eerie in expression that it seemed doubly unfortunate that she had chosen to omit *Gaspard de la Nuit* from her programme.

The other major work was *Le Tombeau de Couperin* in an interpretation informed by a study of the Baroque keyboard techniques, which are a constant source of allusion in the work.

GERALD LARNER









CHOICE 1

Jonathan Harvey's new play lifts the lid on the world of lonely hearts

VENUE: In preview at the Donmar Warehouse



CHOICE 2

Steven Berkoff returns to the stage playing Herod in *Salome*

VENUE: All this week, Theatre Royal, Glasgow

THE TIMES

ARTS



CHOICE 3

John Wells's saucy translation of *La Belle Hélène* goes on the road

VENUE: This week at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle



THEATRE

Tabloid rogues and naughty Tories: familiar territory for a thin new play by Crispin Whittell

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MACK AND MABEL. Opening night for the Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Paul Kerryson directs Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads. fine songs, though a troublesome book. First seen at the Haymarket, Leicester
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) Tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB First night of previews for the latest play by Jonathan Harvey emotional musical chairs among the friends of two Liverpool brothers Co-production with Manchester's Contact Theatre.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 25

LONDON CITY BALLET. The autumn tour of Matthew Hart's *Cinderella* offers a taste here this week of what can be seen at Sadler's Wells come Christmas Royal Ballet dancer Hart keeps true to his flair for detailed and whimsical choreography, maintaining the magic and romance of fairy tales, but perhaps at the expense of the classical variations A good frolic nonetheless
Ashcroft, Park Lane, Croydon (0181-688 9291) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2 30pm

ELSEWHERE

BATH: Last week on tour for the National Theatre production of **Wild Oats** before it returns to home ground Anton Lesser is Rover, the touring actor whose talk is a patchwork of the roles he has played, in a highly enjoyable revival of John O'Keefe's last and furious 1791 farce. Jeremy Sams directs
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (01225 448844) Tonight and tomorrow, 7 30pm: Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2 30pm

GLASGOW: Steven Berkoff's stunning production of Oscar Wilde's seductive shocker **Salome** returns to the stage, with Berkoff himself oozing arrogance as Herod Zigi Ellison plays the biblical temptress
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm

NEWCASTLE: Scottish Opera goes on tour this week, with a deliciously steamy *Don Giovanni*, a sadly inappropriate new production of Dvořák's celebration of the power of music, *The Jacobin*, and an irresistible *La Belle Hélène*. John Cox directs *Giovanni*, with Peter Mattei taking the title role, and a near flawless mix of new names and "old hands" making up the octet of principals. Anne Howells gives a rampaging star performance in John Wells's saucy new translation of Offenbach, with a cheeky turn from Tracey Welborn as Paris
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (0191-232 2061). Tonight-Nov 18

ROCHESTER: The RSC resumes its UK tour of **The Tempest** and Edward Bond's **Bingo** after a month overseas *Bingo* is a fascinating if bleak play exposing Shakespeare as a capitalist swine and David Thacker has cross-cast the plays Paul Jesson plays Prospero and Shakespeare, with Dominic Letts as Caliban and Ben Johnson, and Sarah-Jane Holm as the daughters
Strood Sports Centre, Watling Street (01634-829 194) Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed and Fri, 2pm

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward** Art and Power Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (071-928 3144) . **National Gallery.** Gods in Love, the Caracci Cartoons Restored (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery** John Korbal Photographic Award (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy** Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . Tudor Dynasties Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) V & A Walker Evans photos of African sculpture (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◪ **THE COUNTRY GIRL.** Anne Castledine directs Corin Redgrave and Kika Markham in Clifford Odets's celebrated backstage drama of love, drink and marital protection.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **DEAD FUNNY** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Fri, 6pm; Sat, 8 15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **EDDIE IZZARD** The quirky comedian returns for another season of surreal musings on life
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7 30pm

☐ **HARD CURRENCY '95** Two weeks of modern plays performed by six Russian companies mostly in Russian but one in Russian and Dutch; all with English synopses. Phone Box Office for details.
Watermans, 40 High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176) Tue-Sat, 7 30pm until Nov 18.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7 45pm: Sat, 8 15pm mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **JEFFREY DAHMER IS UNWELL** Alan Francis and Mike Hanley in their surreal black comedy hit of the Edinburgh Festival two flat mates, one obsessed with serial killers, the other with model aeroplanes
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 8pm Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

◪ **JOLSON** The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego Brian Conley bobs out the songs enjoyably and Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **A PATRIOT FOR ME.** James Wilby plays the glum Austro-Hungarian officer trapped by his homosexuality into betraying his emperor John Osborne's play, may be a parable of the 1960s but it is undoubtedly very long at four hours
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight-Thurs, 7 15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm

☐ **RAT IN THE SKULL.** Tony Doyle and Rufus Sewell battle out the torments of Ulster in Ron Hutchinson's engrossing play Stephen Daldry directs
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE STRANGE PASSENGER.** Panes Plough present Sonja Lyndon's play about the Czech composer Viktor Ullmann, who defiantly produced his satiric operas while in the Terezin Ghetto, with the inevitable consequences
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 8pm Then Tue-Sat, 8pm: Sun, 6pm

☐ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **THE WAY OF THE WORLD:** Phyllida Lloyd directs Congreve's most famous comedy of love frustrated and fulfilled Roger Allam and Fiona Shaw interesting as the lovers, Geraldine McEwan outstanding as a tragic Lady Wishfort
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7 30pm, mat today, 2.15pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CRIMSON TIDE (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington Director, Tony Scott.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

FARINELLI (15) The life of an 18th-century castrato. Lots of opera, sex and clothes, but the film only scratches the material's potential Director, Gerard Corbiau.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Richmond** (0181-332 0090)

◆ **FRENCH KISS** (12): Dizzy Meg Ryan gets entangled with French rogue Kevin Kline Charmless romantic comedy, directed by Lawrence Kasdan
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JADE** (18) Nasty, meretricious thriller about the ripples caused by a millionaire's murder, with David Caruso, Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri Director, William Friedkin
Empire ◪ (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15): Overly bloodthirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace Gibson also directs
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Plaza** ◪ (0171-437 1234)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): Lite and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **HAUNTED** (15): Ghost sceptic Aidan Quinn revises his opinions, staying in a stately home Laboured version of James Herbert's novel
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15). Cinema version of the video game, all fights and special effects With Christopher Lambert. Director, Paul Anderson
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril
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NIGHTWATCH (18). Morgue nightwatchman gets the jitters Danish thriller with a few classy trimmings Director, Ole Bornedal
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15) Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18). *Die Hard* on a train, with an impassive star (Steven Seagal), a grinning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

THE WILD BUNCH (18) William Holden's outlaws have one last, bloody fling Sam Peckinpah's classic Western of 1969, with ten minutes restored
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

Spin-doctors suffer too many twists

THEATRE

Party Tricks
Nottingham Playhouse

Hold your breath and imagine a spin-doctor whose most important client, though we never get to see any others, is a Tory minister sacked after she is discovered naked and on all fours with, um, a member of the French Government. Next, imagine that to bring her back from the political darkness he instructs his assistant to impersonate a yob who mugs a doddering pensioner (in fact, his own granny) and is then pursued and caught by this former minister, to widely publicised acclaim. Imagine, of course, that no newspaper rumbles the wheeze.

Imagine, yet further, that while arranging to have her shot, though only wounded, while addressing the House of Commons, he also destroys the reputation of the President of the Board of Trade, her rival for the leadership, by publicly pretending to be the man's gay lover. Imagine — no, there is surely a limit to the creative frenzy of the brain.

But there is seemingly no limit to Crispin Whittell's, whose first full-length play this is. Presumably he set out to create a drama to open our eyes to the dirty wool that image-makers would like to pull over them. The brisk, allusive cross-talk he provides for his devious pair, played by Rob Spendlove and Alexander Armstrong, offers moments of credibility, though this is because most of us get our ideas about how brainstormers function from films and television, and they are always presented like this, with minds a million miles ahead of their clients.

Whittell sets half his action in the editorial offices of a tit-and-tattle tabloid, naturally staffed by rogues and cynics. Here again, the manically vulgar editor (Danny Webb) rants and leers in the way tabloid editors are popularly supposed to carry on. Whittell starts him off with some funny lines and Webb delivers them well. But, once again, the twisting plot makes nonsense of the character's credibility.

Martin Clunes not only directs but, on the opening night, stepped in for an ill actor. Playing another devious character, this time a Tory activist, he read from the script but looked and sounded convincing, probably because Tory activists always appear to be reading from scripts.

His production included one aesthetically pleasing moment after the scene in a private pavilion at Lord's. Cat-and-mouse games are being played here by the spin-doctors, and ducks scored by the English cricketers, and after it is all over, the canvas walls of the pavilion fall inward and the whole thing soars into the flies like a great ghost. The moment lasts about two-and-a-half seconds. It isn't much to carry away from a two-and-a-half hour play.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Danny Webb and Paul Raffield get to grips with the convoluted plot of Crispin Whittell's *Party Tricks*, a tale of devious image-makers pulling the wool over our eyes

New lease of life for Lully's colourful score

OPERA

Isis
Town Hall, Birmingham

As well as providing a seemingly endless parade of *Dido* performances, the Purcell tercentenary has encouraged musicians to look at the composer in context. Some of the most interesting "celebratory" performances have been of Purcell's contemporaries, and on Friday the Birmingham Early Music Festival — which has made "Perspectives on Purcell" its theme — showed enterprise by offering the first modern performance of Jean-Baptiste Lully's opera, *Isis*.

There are illuminating links with Purcell here, not least in Lully's music for the Shivering People (*les Trembleurs*) which the English composer must have recalled when writing the Frost scene in *King Arthur*. But there was enough interest simply in hearing *Isis*, the fifth of Lully's 14 operas, not revived since the 18th century. Lully's neglect has been greater than Purcell's, though his tercentenary in 1987 inspired some rediscovery: *Atys*, *Alceste*, *Armide* and *Phaëton* have all been recorded. Now, thanks to the Birmingham-based ensemble Ex Cathedra's performance of a reconstruction by Lionel Sawkins, *Isis* has received a new lease of life.

Lully owed his position as the pre-eminent composer of 17th-century French opera to the patronage of Louis XIV, so it is inevitable that the Prologue to his five-act *Isis* constitutes a lavish tribute to the Sun King. But the premiere in 1677 at St Germain-en-Laye led to the temporary banishment of Lully's librettist, Philippe Quinault, when the characters Io and Juno were recognised as the king's new favourite and his jealous mistress. In *Isis*, Jupiter incurs the wrath of Juno by wooing the nymph Io, and Juno is only dissuaded from her terrible vengeance when Jupiter promises to be faithful; Juno shows her magnanimity by transforming Io into the Egyptian goddess Isis.

The opera, drawn from Ovid, is set entirely in divine and pastoral realms, with no mortals at all. It is less dramatic than Lully's previous works, but one contemporary source called it a "musicians' opera", and the colourful score — which includes the bagpipe-like musette — is certainly strong. Vocal ensembles are rare in Lully, but there is a trio of Fates here. The Act III divertissement, which tells the story of how Pan and Syrinx put the hundred-eyed Argus to sleep, is accompanied by beguiling, dreamy music.

Ex Cathedra's director, Jeffrey Skidmore, drew stylish — at times a little polite — performances from his alert forces. The team of soloists was led by the soprano Helen Groves, a communicative singer who brought Juno to vivid life, and the *haute-contre* (high tenor rather than falsettist) Paul Agnew. Many of the smaller parts were drawn from the excellent choir: Carolyn Sampson made an appealing Io, and there were fine contributions from Natalie Clifton-Griffiths, Steven Harrold, Leon Storey, Thomas Barnard and Robert Clarke.

The performance was less than semi-staged. Soloists in concert dress sang from the side, while the platform was used only intermittently by five flexible dancers from the Kokuma Dance Theatre Company. Their sensuous, stylised mix of balletic and African-Caribbean dance was limited to only a few numbers, leaving the spectacle of an "authentic" *Isis* to the imagination.

JOHN ALLISON

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Millwall's claims are backed by police

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BIRMINGHAM City and Millwall became engaged in a war of words yesterday, with both football clubs insisting that their supporters were not responsible for the crowd disturbances which marred their top-of-the-table Endsleigh Insurance League first division match at St Andrew's on Saturday.

The Football Association confirmed that it would hold an inquiry into the clashes — inside and outside the ground — between supporters and police, who insisted Birmingham supporters had instigated the trouble.

Superintendent Roger Conway, of West Midlands Police, said Birmingham supporters seated above the Millwall contingent in the Railway End stand "were spitting and throwing coins and even golf balls".

He said: "As the game came to an end the missiles became heavier and bits of wood were being hurled down. The Millwall fans, to their credit, did not retaliate. But at the end of the game, their patience ran out and a few began ripping up plastic seating which they threw up towards the Birmingham fans. Officers fought a number of running battles with so-called Birmingham fans [outside the ground]. They were determined to be violent."

Birmingham, however, are adamant their supporters were guilty of nothing more than over-exuberence. They also rejected allegations that Dave Savage, the Millwall substitute, was punched by a City supporter celebrating Steve Castle's opening goal in a game that finished 2-2.

Karren Brady, the Birmingham chief executive, has also called for Millwall supporters to be banned from attending future matches at St Andrew's. "Trouble seems to follow them everywhere they go," she said. "We have almost completely eliminated any trouble at our ground, yet Millwall fans seem to have a knack of bringing the worst out of everyone."

Birmingham also issued a statement claiming that there were no uncontrollable incidents inside the ground during the game. "A full search of the ground has revealed 25 seats totally damaged and a further 16 with minor damage in the area occupied by Millwall fans," it said.

"The Birmingham goal was celebrated by a very small number of fans on the track, but this was in no way a major problem as it was a joyous occasion. We are also concerned at some comments from a Millwall player concerning him being struck. We have viewed the evidence currently to hand and would totally contradict that."

Millwall, who last week escaped FA punishment after two supporters went onto the pitch during the home Coca-Cola Cup match against Sheffield Wednesday, had windows on their team coach smashed after the match on Saturday. "Two members of Lewisham police spent the match in the Millwall area and confirmed that missiles were thrown from the upper tier and that Millwall fans were not protected in any way," the London club said. "Millwall FC are quite satisfied their fans were not responsible in any sense for the disturbances."

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "There was considerable crowd disorder, which is particularly disturbing to us and, obviously, we are aware of the supporters coming onto the pitch after a goal had been scored."

Denis Irwin, the Manchester United and Ireland defender, yesterday signed a new three-year contract which will take him to his 33rd birthday. Irwin, who joined United from Oldham Athletic in June 1990, has made 201 league appearances, scoring 13 goals. Martin Edwards, the chairman, said: "He continues to be an influential and important member of our team."



Harding, the Chelsea director, appears to be on a collision course with the chairman. Photograph: Robin Mayes

Chelsea gripped by power struggle

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

INTERNAL manoeuvring at Chelsea between Ken Bates, the football club chairman, and Matthew Harding, the Stamford Bridge director and frequent benefactor, appears to be gaining momentum. Harding has resigned from Chelsea Village, the company run by Bates and which owns the FA Carling Premiership club.

It is seen as the first significant public move in the power struggle between Bates and Harding, which has simmered privately for months, yet rarely surfaced in such obvious fashion. While Bates remains grateful for the money that Harding, reputedly the 89th richest person in the country, has made available to Chelsea, he has grown increasingly concerned at Harding's long-term intentions.

Matters have not been helped by Chelsea's faltering form after an encouraging start to the season — they are tenth in the Premiership — with the gloss supplied by the summer signings of Ruud Gullit and Mark Hughes having already worn off.

There has been speculation, too, over the future of Glenn Hoddle, the manager, whose contract expires at the end of the season.

Harding, 41, resigned his directorship of Chelsea Village in a letter to Bates. It was also revealed yesterday that Colin Hutchinson, the managing director of Chelsea, had recently left the board of the same company. Only Bates and Michael Russell, the group finance director, remain.

"I resigned purely because, at times, there is a conflict of interest between the football club and Chelsea Village," Hutchinson said. "Rather than wear two hats, I felt that I could best serve the club by being only on the football board."

He stressed that his departure was "unconnected" with Harding's subsequent decision.

Harding, reported to be worth £125 million, supported Chelsea as a schoolboy on the terraces. Since taking a closer and more financial interest in the club, he has provided about £10 million to pay for ground redevelopment and new players, and has also bought the freehold to Stamford Bridge for £16.5 million from the Royal Bank of Scotland. He is, effectively, the club's landlord.

Bates retains the right to purchase the freehold by 2012, but it now appears more likely that Harding will attempt to take over Bates's controlling interest in Chelsea Village, and thereby assume ownership and much of the control over affairs at Stamford Bridge.

At a meeting of the Chelsea Independent Supporters' Association last night, disgruntled members were expected to move a motion backing Harding and Hoddle as the "dream ticket" for Chelsea's future prosperity. Though there was no criticism of Bates, the implication was clear.

Ireland worries mount

PROBLEMS are beginning to build for Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager (Peter Ball writes). Yesterday, he lost Roy Keane for the visit to Portugal next week for the deciding game in their European football championship qualifying group, while the health of the remainder of his midfield is in the balance.

Andy Townsend, the Ireland captain, was left behind by Aston Villa when they flew out for a match against Partizan Belgrade yesterday, and sees a specialist today after injuring an ankle on Saturday. John Sheridan is recovering from an operation on his knee, and Steve Staunton is doubtful after missing Villa's last three games with a hamstring injury.

But it is the loss of Keane and Townsend that will trouble Charlton most. With a two-week gap in fixtures, and Keane then facing a four-match suspension, Manchester United took the opportunity to send the player for a hernia operation.

"Roy has been struggling with this problem for some time," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. "We couldn't put off an operation any longer." Keane will be out of action for six weeks, probably returning on Christmas Eve.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pakistan players lie in wait for Parke

IF SIMON PARKE, of Yorkshire, is to reach the semi-finals of the world open squash championship at the Eleftheria Arena in Nicosia, he has to defeat Pakistan single-handed along the way. It would indeed provide a handy start for Parke, 23, who will lead England in the world team championship in Cairo next week (Colin McQuillan writes). Parke survived a nervy start to the championship in Cyprus against Dan Jenson, 19, a qualifier from Adelaide, but Yorkshire grit brought him victory in 64 minutes, Parke winning 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, 15-13.

Zarak Jahan, the Pakistan second string, defeated Paul Steel, of New Zealand, to reach the second round. In the same top quarter, Jansher Khan, the defending champion, beat John Ransome, an experienced English qualifier. Mir Zaman Gul, the Pakistan third string, will be Jansher's second-round opponent after defeating Danny Meddings, whose long-delayed flight from Gatwick did not arrive in Cyprus until the early hours of yesterday morning.

Lynagh makes point

RUGBY UNION: Michael Lynagh, the world's leading international points scorer with 911 from 72 appearances for Australia, will spearhead Benetton Treviso's opening pool A Heineken Cup match against the Romanian champions, Farul Constanta, this evening. Lynagh, who captained Australia in their unsuccessful defence of the World Cup this summer, is one of nine internationals in the Treviso side. He warmed up for his Heineken Cup debut with 23 points in Treviso's victory over Rome last weekend.

Woosnam drops out



GOLF: Ian Woosnam, right, has withdrawn from the World Cup in China this week after reportedly telling Mark Mouland, his Wales team-mate: "You're better off without me." Rather than flying on from Indonesia, where he recorded a closing 77 in the Alfred Dunhill Masters, the former world No 1 asked to be booked on the next available plane back to Britain. Philip Price, who was 110th on the European money-list, has agreed to stand in.

Wood takes lead role

TENNIS: Clare Wood, who won the British title for the third time at Telford on Saturday, will lead the British team in the first division of the European women's championship at Katrineholm, Sweden, from November 10 to 12. Samantha Smith, the Essex girl beaten in the Telford final by Wood, and two Devon players, Karen Cross and Valda Lake, complete the team. Britain were relegated from the champions division last season and will have Sweden, Latvia and Slovakia in their group.

Snow bounced out

REAL TENNIS: The doubles specialist, Angus Glennie, handicapped 35, put out the world's leading amateur, Julian Snow, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Queen's Club handicap championship. Snow, who was giving away a handicap of 40, played with determination and consistency, but two bad bounces which went Glennie's way tipped the balance. John Prenn, the former rackets world champion, combined well with Claire Southwell to reach the final of the doubles championship.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

On the hand I described yesterday, West let home the contract by leading the wrong ace. Here is another hand on the same theme.

Dealer North — North - South vulnerable — Rubber bridge

	♠— ♥J 3 ♦A K Q J 9 8 7 6 ♣K Q 10	
♠A 10 8 7 ♥A 7 4 ♦5 4 3 ♣7 4 3		♠K J 9 5 4 2 ♥9 8 6 5 2 ♦— ♣6 5
	♠Q 6 3 ♥K Q 10 ♦10 2 ♣A J 9 8 2	

W	N	E	S
—	2♦	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	6♣
Double	All pass		

Contract: Six Clubs doubled, by South — Lead: Ace of Spades

North's Two Diamonds opening was ostensibly Acol. South had an awkward bid over East's Two Spades. Introducing such a poor suit is unsatisfactory — 2 NT looks a possible alternative. I held the West hand. At favourable vulnerability, it seemed a good moment to make a pre-emptive raise.

It is clear that North should have bid Five Diamonds over Four Spades, rather than Five Clubs. If his partner had been void in diamonds, it might have been vital to have diamonds as trumps to make use of the suit.

South's Six Clubs is also open to question. I doubled that, not because I had any guarantee that it would go down, but to show my partner that I had good defence. If I had passed, my partner was the sort of player well capable of saving in Six Spades.

Much the best chance of beating the contract seemed to be that my aces would stand up, so I led the ace of spades. This was disastrous — declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps and made 13 tricks. I should have led the ace of hearts. Admittedly, if that was ruffed, it would be more costly than if the ace of spades was ruffed — nevertheless, the ace of hearts was much more likely to stand up. Then, when my partner played the two of hearts and I saw dummy had no spades, I could switch to a diamond, the only chance being that my partner was void.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Trapped rook

There has been a proliferation of all-play-all tournaments of international standard in the United Kingdom in the past two years. One of the strongest of them has been the Owens-Corning grandmaster tournament at Wrexham Maelor. In this sample of play, Istvan Csom, the subtle Hungarian grandmaster, traps and wins his opponent's rook.

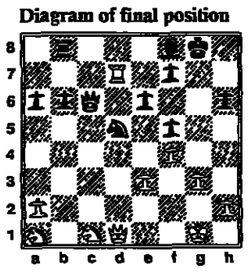
White: Neffe
Black: Csom
Owens-Corning, Wrexham Maelor, October 1995

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	Qe4	Bb7
6	Bg2	c5
7	0-0	Be7
8	Rd1	cxd4
9	Nxd4	Bxg2
10	Kxg2	Qc8
11	Bf4	Qb7+
12	f3	a6
13	Nc3	0-0
14	Nb3	Rc8
15	Rd2	h6
16	Be5	Nc6
17	Bxd6	gxd6
18	Rc1	f5
19	Kg1	Rc7
20	f4	Bf8
21	e3	Rb8
22	Na1	Na5
23	Nd1	Rbc8
24	b3	Nc6
25	Nc3	Rb8
26	b4	Nxb4
27	Qd1	Rxc4
28	Rxd7	Qc6
29	Ne2	Rxc1
30	Nxc1	Nd5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Paris grand prix

The final leg of the Intel grand prix takes place in Paris from November 9 to 12, the venue being the Espace Pierre Cardin, near the Place de la Concorde. Participants fighting for the $160,000 prize fund include Garry Kasparov, Viswanathan Anand, Vladimir Kramnik, Vassily Ivanchuk, Michael Adams, Jon Speelman and 12-year-old Etienne Bacrot, the French prodigy. Spectators are welcome and those requiring information about ticket prices and playing times can ring Paris 00 33 1 45633000.

The Times world championship book

All games of the world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (please quote 5/655).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SONOFA
a. A small sofa
b. A despicable man
c. The Turkish clove

ZURNA
a. A bagpipe
b. A Carthaginian elephant
c. Self-control

STANLEY BUSTARD
a. A bird
b. York abuse for Lancastrian
c. An organ stop

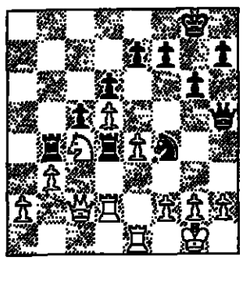
TORPEX
a. A torpedo officer
b. A clockwork mechanism
c. An explosive

Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Lovass — Titkos, Hungary, 1971. How did Black make the most of his active pieces with a clever combination?



Solution on page 44

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GHENT: Belgian Cross Cup cross country: Men (8.7km): 1, W Mutwol (Kan) 29min 26sec; 2, J Downes (Ire) 29:29; 3, D Burke (Ire) 29.31. British placings: 6, A Morgan-Lee (Southampton City) 30:03; 13, D Tune (Rosherham) 30:18; 25, S Bell (Chester-le-Street) 31:02; 28, M Jubb (Derby and County) 31:17; 37, C Wheeler (Trafford) 32:26; 43, L Shaw 32:59. Teams: 1, Belgium 16pts; 2, England 44; 3, North of England 109. Women (5.7km): 1, A Staikouvene (Bel) 19min 09sec; 2, A-M Danneels (Bel) 19:10; 3, M Renders (Bel) 19:11. British placings: 5, J Shields (Sheffield) 19:42; 6, D Percival (Canterbury) 19.56; 10, S Griffiths (Gateshead) 20:13; 15, P Thackray (Spenborough) 20:47; 17, H Pattinson (Preston) 20.51; 20, J Newton (Stockport) 21:06; 21, J Rashleigh (Bolton) 21:06. Teams: 1, Belgium 6pts; 2, England 26; 3, North of England 47.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Portland 109 Utah 105, Houston 106 Phoenix 104; Sacramento 99 LA Clippers 82, Vancouver 100 Minnesota 98 (OT)

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster 94 Chester 85; Sheffield 77 Leopards 63.

DUATHLON

CANCUN, Mexico: World championships: Men: 1, O Golindas (Arg) 1hr 43mn 15sec; 2, U Delsperger (Switz) 1:43:36; 3, N Staedler (Ger) 1:44:20; 6, J Taylor (GB) 1:53:21. Women: 1, N Badmann (Switz) 1:56:30; 2, S Blersch (Switz) 1:57:57; 3, I Heeren (Holl) 1:58.16; 6, F Lothian (GB) 2:00:56; 8, A Emerson (GB) 2:03:31

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: International track meeting: Sprint: 1, L Nielsen (Den), 2, V Lequellec (Fr), 3, R Vink (Hol). 10km scratch: 1, M Sandstod (Den), 2, S Renaux (Fr), 3, C Newton (GB). 10km: 1, Sandstod, 2, Newton, 3, S Anquetil (Fr). Elimination race one: 1, Anquetil; 2 Sandstod; 3 M Lust (Holl). Elimination race two: 1, S Moreton (Fr); 2, D van Hameren (Holl); 3, P van Hooland (Bel). Olympic sprint: 1, France; 2, Denmark. Golden mile: 1, R Slippens (Holl), 2, C Hoy (Scot); 3, B Dandenell (Den). Kelrin: 1, J van Hameren, 2, L Nielsen, 3, Moreton. Madison: 1, Belgium (J Dhaenens, P van Hooland, P Vervinck); 2, Holland; 3, Denmark. Overall team standings: 1, France 46pts; 2, Denmark 42; 3, Holland 39; 4, Great Britain 23; 5, Belgium 18; 6, Scotland 14; 7, Italy 5; 8, Wales 4

FOOTBALL

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 4 Salamanca 1, Valencia 5 Compostela 2; Athletic Bilbao 3 Celta 0; Betis 3 Tenerife 3, Valladolid 3 Seville 3, Deportivo La Coruña 0 Espanol 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 4 Schalke 1 Standings: 1, Borussia Dortmund 27pts, 2, Bayern Munich 27; 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 25.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 1 PSV Eindhoven 1 Standings: 1, Ajax 37pts, 2, PSV Eindhoven 32; 3, Willem II Tilburg 23, 4, Heerenveen 22.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: AC Milan 3 Cagliari 2

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 0 Auxerre 1; Bastia 1 Metz 0; St Etienne 0 Rennes 0; Guingamp 1 Lyons 0. Nantes 1 Montpellier 0; Guiugnon 0 Le Havre 1; Monaco 1 Lens 1, Lille 0 Martigues 0; Paris Saint-Germain 3 Nice 2; Strasbourg 3 Cannes 0.

PORTUGESE LEAGUE: Porto 3 Benfica 0; Estrela Amadora 2 Felgueiras 1; Belenenses 1 Guimaraes 0, Gil Vicente 1 Salgueiros 1, Chaves 0 Maritimo 2; Leca 0 Uniao Lairia 1, Boavista 3 Farense 0; Braga 1 Campomaiorense 0. Standings: 1, Porto 26pts; 2, Boavista 22; 3, Sporting 20.

GOLF

BRASELTON, Georgia: Sarazen World Open: Leading final scores (reduced to 54 holes because of bad weather, US unless stated): 206: F Nobilo (NZ) 70, 70, 66. 209: M McNulty (Zim) 72, 70, 67, M A Jimenez (Sp) 67, 69, 73. 210: M Calcavechia 71, 70, 69, A Forsbrand (Swe) 69, 72, 69, E Romero (Arg) 69, 71, 70; E Aubrey 70, 70, 70. 211: J Daly 70, 68, 73; C Stadler 68, 70, 73 British scores: 214: P Curry 73 71 70; S Torrance 71, 69, 74. 216: A Oldcorn 71, 75, 70.

HAWAII: Kapalua Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated). 271: J Furyk 65, 65, 71, 70. 273: R Cochran 67, 66, 73, 67; B Lane (GB) 66, 69, 69, 69; J McGovern 68, 69, 68, 70. 274: T Lehman 67, 69, 69, 69; B Crenshaw 67, 67, 71, 69. Other British scores: 276: A Lyle 68, 68, 73, 69. 283: D Feherty 71, 75, 72, 75

MILTON, Florida: Emerald Coast Classic: Leading final scores (reduced to 36 holes because of bad weather; US unless stated): 135: R Floyd 69, 66 (won play-off at second extra hole); T Wargo 71, 64. 138: B Allin 73, 65; B Murphy 72, 64. 137: I Aoki 68, 69. 138: J Bland 70, 69, B Devlin 68, 70. Other scores: 140: G Player (SA) 72, 68. 142: L Trevino 72, 70. 144: R Charles (NZ) 76, 68. 145: A Jacklin (GB) 73, 72.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	5	5	0	0	28	7	15
Old Loughtonians	5	4	1	0	16	6	13
Cannock	5	4	0	1	28	4	12
Southgate	5	4	0	1	24	8	12
Guildford	5	3	1	1	19	7	10
Surbiton	5	3	1	1	14	7	10
Barford Tigers	5	3	1	1	15	15	10
Canterbury	5	3	0	2	15	13	9
Teddington	4	2	1	1	12	11	7
Indian Gymkhana	5	2	1	2	10	12	7
East Grinstead	5	2	0	3	12	18	6
Havant	5	2	0	3	8	14	6
Hounslow	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
St Albans	5	1	0	4	7	18	3
Bournville	5	1	0	4	5	18	3
Trojans	5	0	1	4	4	22	1
Hull	4	0	0	4	0	16	0
Stourport	5	0	0	5	6	23	0

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beeston	5	5	0	0	21	10	15
Bleekarts	5	3	2	0	9	5	11
Hampstead	5	3	1	1	11	9	10
Ipsa	5	3	0	2	9	7	9
Crosbys	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
Bromley	5	3	0	2	11	11	9
City of Portsmouth	5	3	0	2	9	10	9
Brooklands	5	2	2	1	13	10	8
Gloucester City	5	2	2	1	11	8	8
Harleston M	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Edgbaston	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Worcester	5	2	0	3	13	9	6
Flimbrands	5	2	0	3	5	8	6
Oxford Univ	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
Sheffield	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
Richmond	5	1	0	4	7	10	3
Slough	4	0	2	2	5	7	2
Olton and W W	5	0	0	5	1	9	0

AEWHA PLATE: Preliminary round: Barnes w/o Eastleigh scr; Bognor Regis 3 Deal 2; Bridgenorth 4 GPT Coventry 1, Cheam 5 Milton Keynes 0; Chippenham 1 ISCA 2, Crosbyx 2 Felixstowe 0; Farnham Common 1 Staines 2, Formby 1 Harrogate 0; Harborne 1 Cheltenham Civil Service 1 (Cheltenham Civil Service win 3-1 on pens); Hereford 5 GEC Rugby 1; Leighton Buzzard 2 Tunbridge Wells 6, Lewes 0 Sonning 3; Loughborough 2 Ipswich and East Suffolk 1; Ludlow 0 West Bromwich 5, Neston 2 Staffordshire Univ 1, Norton 2 Moss Park 1, Pavlours 1 Roseberry 0; Phoenix 1 Wootton Bassett 3; Sidmouth 0 Taw Valley 1, Southend 1 Bedford 1 (Southend win 6-5 on pens). Southgate Adelaide 0 Worthing 4; Sunbury w/o Portsmouth and Southsea scr; Teignmouth 1 Newquay 0; Wellington 5 Yateley 1; Wepham 0 Bishop's Stortford 2; West Herts 1 Pelicans 2, Worksop 3 Charnwood 0.

WELSH LEAGUE: Cardiff Athletic 0 Swansea 2, Colwyn Bay 5 Haverfordwest 1, Llanelli 0 Penarth 0; Pontypridd 0 Newport 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Florida 4 Tampa Bay 1; Winnipeg 4 Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 8 Hartford 1, Anaheim 6 New Jersey 1; Colorado 7 Chicago 3

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Nottingham 7 Humberside 5 (Nottingham win 16-8 on agg)

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 5 Slough 1, Cardiff 5 Sheffield 4, Newcastle 2 Durham 9. First division: Billingham 9 Murrayfield 2, Blackburn 8 Guildford 5, Bracknell 11 Swindon 2, Dumfries 11 Chelmsford 0, Manchester 15 Solihull 2; Medway 1 Telford 6; Peterborough 4 Paisley 9.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste world championship: Second leg: J Male (GB) bt N Smith (GB) 8-15, 15-10, 15-7. First leg (Chicago): Male bt Smith 15-10, 15-9, 3-15, 15-5, 15-13).

RUGBY UNION

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: L'Aquila 10 Milan 25; Roma 17 Benetton Treviso 48; Rovigo 21 Petrarca Padue 19, Amatori Catania 25 San Dona 15; Piacenza 3 Mirano 17, Calvisano 32 Livorno 34

SNOOKER

MALTA: Rothmans Grand Prix: Semi-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire) 6-1, J Higgins (Scot) bt D Morgan (Wales) 6-2. Final: Ebdon bt Higgins 7-4

TENNIS

OAKLAND, California: Women's West Classic: Final: M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-3, 6-4.

QUEBEC CITY: Women's Bell Challenge Tournament: Final: B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt D Monami (Bel) 7-6, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
Reading v Bury (7.45) .....
Third-round replay
Bradford v Norwich (7.45) .....

Auto Windscreens Shield
First round
Northern section
Hartlepool v Blackpool .....
Burnley v Chester .....
Notts County v Stockport (7.45) .....
Darlington v Lincoln .....
York v Mansfield (7.45) .....
Preston v Scarborough .....
Carlisle v Doncaster (7.45) .....
Southern section
Leyton Orient v Shrewsbury (7.45) .....
Gillingham v Hereford (7.45) .....
Northampton v Plymouth (7.45) .....
Walsall v Wycombe (7.45) .....
Exeter v Bournemouth (7.45) .....
Bristol Rovers v Cambridge Utd .....
Barnet v Oxford Utd (7.45) .....
Vauxhall Conference
Spalding Cup
First round, second leg
Stalybridge (1) v Morecambe (4) (7.45)
Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Motherwell v Hearts (8.0) .....
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Erith and Belvedere v Waterlooville. Midland division: Bilston v Sutton Coldfield, Buckingham Town v Solihull, Leicester United v Corby. Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: Clevedon (1) v Forest Green Rovers (2), Fleet Town (2) v Fareham (2), Merthyr Tydfil (4) v Cinderford Town (1); Weymouth (3) v Bashley (3).
ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Edgware v Cheshunt, Third division: Aveley v Epsom and Ewell; Clapton v Harlow, Horsham v East Thurrock. Carlton Trophy: First round: Banstead v Windsor and Eton; Chalfont St Peter v Croydon; Cove v Flackwell Heath. Carlton Cup: Aldershot Town v Bromley; Basingstoke v Whyteleafe; Berkhamsted v Yeading; Uxbridge v Harrow.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Leek v Gainsborough. First division: Radcliffe v Lancaster.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Wimbledon (7.0); Queens Park Rangers v Tottenham (at Harrow Borough FC, 7.0); Watford v Swindon (2.0), West Ham v Chelsea (7.0). League Cup: Torquay v Swansea (7.0).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Hull (7.0).
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/Mckenzie Butchers Cup: Second round: Royston v Arlesey Town.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Chippenham; Mangotsfield v Paulton.
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Group two: First round: Flint Town v Connah's Quay Group three: Caersws v Llansantffraid. Group four: Afan Lido v Llanelli.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury v Highworth; Brackley v Swindon Supermarine.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell v Shepshed D, Boldmere St M v Sandwell, Stratford T v Hinckley Athletic; W Mid Police v Oldbury U. Industrial Rewinds League Cup: First-round replay: Willenhall v Rocester. Second round: Stapenhill v Bolehall S.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE CUP: Final, second leg: Shelbourne v Sligo (at Tolka Park).
FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Sudbury Tn v Salisbury; Oxford City v Walton and Hersham (7.45); Lancaster v Curzon Ashton; Chesham v Chertsey.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Glossop North End v Bootle; Holker Old Boys v Flixton; Mossley v Salford, Trafford v Penrith.
BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Stourport S v Wednesfield.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe v Great Yarmouth; Watton v Soham, Woodbridge v Hadleigh U.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bournemouth v Totton.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First-round replay: Ford v Cray Wndrs.
UNIBET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Cowfborough v Langney Sports; Horsham YMCA v Oakwood, Pagham v Southwick.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Maltby MW v Thackley. Cup: Second round: Belper Town v Pontefract Collieries.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Brimsdown v Kingsbury; Cockfosters v Hayes, Hanwell v Southall
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Colchester v Peterborough.
SCHOOLS MATCH: South West Counties under-19 Cup: Hampshire v Berkshire (at Winchester, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.00 unless stated

European Cup
Pool A
Benetton Treviso v Farul Constanta (Rom) .....
CIS Insurance tour match
Llanelli v Fiji (2.30) .....
Tour match
Cardiff v Griqualand W (SA) (7.15) .....
CLUB MATCHES: Abercynon v Treorchy; Cambridge University v Northampton (7.15), Cross Keys v Blaina; Maesteg v Swansea; Mountain Ash v Pontypridd; Neath v Oxford University; Pontypool v Newbridge; South Wales Police v Bridgend.

OTHER SPORT

ICE SKATING: British championships (Basingstoke).
TABLE TENNIS: European League: England v Belgium (Milton Keynes).

Draw gives McGeechan chance to take stock

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NORTHAMPTON, cruising through the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, wanted a yardstick to be able to judge how accomplished a side they are. The fourth round of the Pilkington Cup will grant them just that — Bath, the cup holders and league leaders.

The collision at the Recreation Ground on December 23 will surely draw Christmas shoppers in droves to a cup tie that, when they met three years ago, left Bath requiring extra time before they prevailed 13-9. They played again last season, Bath winning a home quarter-final by 20 points at a time when Northampton's ultimately vain struggle for first-division survival had already begun.

"We are playing well," Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, said of a side averaging 50 points and eight tries a game. "Now, we will see just how well we are playing. It would have been nice to have played a game like this at Twickenham, but it gives added spice that it will be at Bath. It augurs well for a good game that both sides are playing a similar style of rugby at the moment."

McGeechan has achieved, albeit in the second division, the same enviable consistency that has characterised Bath over a decade and is slowly building a squad of players, based on a hard international core, in similar manner. He is confident of retaining those players and will be more so once contractual arrangements have been worked out.

Even though the Rugby Football Union may keep its moratorium on law changes for this season — and its intentions will be revealed tomorrow — McGeechan sees the imminent drawing-up of player-contracts as inevitable so that clubs can ward off the predatory interests of those with immediate access to money. Bath look to do the same to avoid raids on their strong second team.

The draw, made at Twickenham yesterday, brought little joy for London's two strongest sides. Unsettled Wasps, beaten cup finalists last year, must travel to improving Sale, while Harlequins go even further north, to Orrell, where they have yet to win in the cup.

Wasps, incidentally, must wait until later this week before they know the fate of their abandoned league match with West Hartlepool at the weekend. The collapse of a spectator brought about the abandonment and club officials have had preliminary discussions about a replay date, without reaching agreement. West seek to play before Christmas — when they will still have the services of the influential Rob Wainwright — Wasps would rather wait until the new year.

Leicester, the club with the best cup record of all, go to Exeter, of the fourth division, and there is a spicy Christmas treat at Sunbury where London Irish will entertain London Welsh. The Welsh were, justifiably, cockahoop at dismissing Richmond from the cup thanks to a substantial points haul from Craig Raymond at stand-off half.

Saracens, who are drawn against Rugby Lions, met last night to decide whether to become an incorporated club. Assuming the assent of their members, they will announce today plans for a substantially-changed future — some reports have linked them with the boxing and snooker impresario, Barry Hearn.

Meanwhile, Camberley, the only surviving newcomers to the competition, march on. Their cup campaign embellishes a solid league record in the fifth division south, and has thus far taken them past Barking and, with relative ease, Plymouth Albion and Lewes. Now, however, they face Wakefield, which should, logically, prove the end of their road.

☐ Llanelli, who play the touring Fijians at Stradey Park today, include Jonathan Griffiths among their replacements. Griffiths rejoined Llanelli from St Helens last week, in the wake of Jonathan Davies's transfer back from rugby league.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Third round: Cheltenham v Alton; Clifton v Wimbledon; Crawley v Wharfedale; Eton Manor v Richmond; Leeds v St Albans; Liverpool St Helens v Shelford; Northampton v Ormskirk; Novocastrians v Lydney; Nuneaton v Nottingham Casuals; Old Leamingtonians v London Welsh; Sale v Blackheath; Saracens II v Uxbridge; Saracens v St Austell; Shipston-on-Stour v Richmond II; Wasps v Clifton; Waterloo v Exeter

Matches to be played on November 12

FOURTH ROUND

Bath v Northampton; Bedford v Worcester; Blackheath v Coventry; Camberley v Wakefield; Exeter v Leicester; Gloucester v Walsall; Leeds v Waterloo, London Irish v London Welsh; Newcastle v Moseley; Nottingham v London Scottish; Orrell v Harlequins, Reading v Bristol, Sale v Wasps, Saracens v Rugby Lions; Weston-super-Mare v West Hartlepool; Winnington Park v Lydney.

Ties to be played on December 23

Surviving the knocks with one goal in mind



ROB HUGHES

Overseas Football

The paths of Gianluigi Lentini and Mike Galloway have never crossed. As footballers they occupy different sporting worlds, and Lentini probably made more in a single move — his £13 million transfer from Torino to AC Milan in 1992 — than Galloway has grafted for in a 12-year journeyman career from Mansfield Town via Halifax Town, Heart of Midlothian and Celtic to Leicester City on loan.

Yet they are like fellows. Both are survivors of car crashes which could have killed them, crashes in which only the symbol of Lentini's wealth, the Porsche that he was driving, separate them. Both players had head and leg injuries, both were on life-support systems, and this is a significant week in the recuperation of the pair of them.

'It is vital to have something to aim for'

On Sunday night Lentini was called late into Milan's team when Roberto Baggio and George Weah failed routine medical tests. Lentini these days wears No 14, which might be his stature on the roster or an attempt by the coach, Fabio Capello, to inspire his winger with the former identification of Johan Cruyff. For, even before his near-death experience in the summer of 1993, Lentini was bewilderingly inconsistent. On a good day he was better than Ryan Giggs, on a bad day you wondered whether he had the remotest faith in his game.

And, speaking of faith, not only did his move from Turin beget two days of rioting, but the Vatican condemned the obscenity of spending so many millions on one fragile talent. So Lentini's career, once it was restored by medical hands, has flickered disappointingly. He has had rare appearances, rarer good games, and rare opportunities such as that on Sunday to score with a headed goal, assisting Milan to a nervous 3-2 win over Cagliari.

What can all of this mean to Galloway, who only last month emerged from hospital, thankful even to be on crutches after his crash near Leicester this summer? Galloway was given a standing ovation by his former colleagues, the players of Celtic, when he went there in the company of the club physio, Brian Scott. He will get a larger cheer by far this Saturday, the day of his life. For, after the Celtic versus Partick Thistle match, Galloway is to be married to Linda Fraser at Celtic Park. "The wedding has been the perfect goal for Mike to aim at," Scott said. "When you have been in his position, it is very important to have things to aim for, to keep the spirits up. He is absolutely determined to walk unaided on the day, and that has been the real goal."

So a goal for Lentini, a greater one for Galloway ... and two players from different ends of the professional spectrum know how silly some of their colleagues can be, how infantile the volatility of the footballing star to minor mishaps on the field.

What footballers fear most, a broken leg or torn cartilage, are comparatively minor. Even they are hard to come back from, as Tomas Brolin is now experiencing. After his effervescent displays in the Cup Winners' Cup against Arsenal, and before his marvellous World Cup, Brolin could have come to any number of English clubs, not least of them Arsenal. But Italy was then his Mecca, or at least it was until he broke a leg. Now he is back, but Parma share the *Serie A* leadership with Milan, and Brolin is available for offers. He has reportedly turned down a move to Bari, and the grapevine links his name with Leeds United.

The same rumour factory suggests that Sampdoria's former international forward, Roberto Mancini, is being hunted by Arsenal. Giuseppe Dossena, the Sampdoria general manager, said yesterday: "I'm not denying it, but I'm not confirming it either." Something certainly appeared to derail Mancini's concentration on Sunday: he was booked, allegedly for diving, he played the idiot by throwing off his captain's armband, he kicked Paul Ince, and, inevitably, he was sent off the field.

The explosions of the Latin character were better directed on Sunday in Gabriel Batistuta. He, on his hundredth appearance for Fiorentina, exploded twice in the second half, athletic explosions which tore to shreds the Lazio defence and gave the big Argentinian two more goals, ending Lazio's 15-match unbeaten run in the Italian league. Last March, when things were going wrong for Fiorentina, the Florentine fanatics torched the cars of Batistuta and company. On Sunday their torches were lit in praise of the man and the team who now stand third in the championship; the fires, in wounded players or wounded pride, need only goals to redirect them.



Lentini, left, whose goalscoring return for Milan marked a significant moment in his recovery from a car accident

England on hectic schedule

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

A SCHEDULE so hectic that it would test the most battle-hardened performers, let alone England's international basketball novices, awaits the players who participate tonight in the first of six games over the next nine days.

As preparations for the tough European championship ties against Germany in Sheffield on Sunday, and in Portugal next Wednesday, Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, has lined up games in Amsterdam, tonight and tomorrow, which will be followed by a match against Belgium in Antwerp on Thursday.

Those fixtures did not raise too many eyebrows, but it was the trip to Spain for a match next Monday that upset critics. Should England lose to the Germans, the last thing they will need is to travel to a game in the Spanish town of Huesca, three hours' drive from Barcelona airport, which means at least 12 hours of travelling for the England players in the three days before they take on the Portuguese.

Nemeth was adamant, however. He said: "England are not in demand. We are not a great basketball team. When else or where else are Spain going to want to play us? We must take this chance."

Trevor Gordon, the England forward who returns to the fold tonight, hopes to give his team-mates enough muscular strength in the centre to beat the Dutch. Should they do so, England will tomorrow play the winners of the game between Lithuania and Finland tonight. Failing that, they will be involved in the third-place match in the four-team tournament.

ENGLAND: K Brown, I Whyte, R Baker (all Leopards), S Baker, M Payne, T Gordon (all Birmingham Bullets), A Gardner, S Bucknall, N Austin (all London Towers), P Grainger (Manchester Giants), R Huggins (Sheffield Sharks), P Scantlebury (capt, Thames Valley Tigers)

Panthers pounce on Hawks

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

NOTTINGHAM Panthers and Sheffield Steelers will meet in the final of ice hockey's Benson and Hedges Cup in Sheffield next month. After the Steelers' narrow win over Fife Flyers in their semi-final, the Panthers had a relatively easy passage to the final, beating Humberside Hawks 7-5 in the second leg on Sunday to go through on an aggregate score of 16-8.

With a six-goal cushion from the first leg, the Panthers did just as much as they had to in a second leg that was marred by a penalty-ridden second period during which three players were ejected.

Cardiff Devils and Sheffield Steelers gave a capacity crowd a premier division game to relish in the Wales National Stadium. The Steelers led 2-0 at the end of a torrid first period and Nicky Chinn, formerly with the Devils, scored twice in three minutes to give the visitors a 4-1 lead early in the second.

Two goals in ten seconds brought the Devils level before the second interval and the only goal of the final period came from the former Steeler, Ivan Matulik, to complete a fine comeback by the Devils.

Basingstoke Bison recovered from the home defeat by Humberside on Saturday with a 5-1 win over Slough Jets, but Newcastle Warriors completed another disappointing weekend with a 9-2 loss to Durham Wasps in the final game played at the Whitley Bay rink. They move into their new 7,000-seat arena in Newcastle later this month.

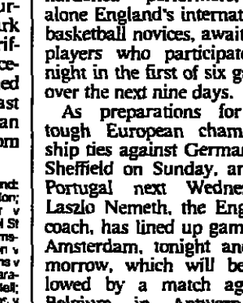
☐ In the National Hockey League (NHL), Colorado beat Chicago 7-3. Joe Sakic had two goals and three assists to help extend Colorado's winning streak to a franchise-record of eight games. Claude Lemieux also scored to extend his personal goal-scoring streak to five games.

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 11 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FIRST DIVISION

1 Derby v West Brom 2
2 Grimsby v Barnsley 1
3 Leicester v Watford 1
4 Luton v Oldham 1
5 Millwall v Ipswich 1
6 Norwich v C Palace 1
7 Port Vale v Sheff Utd X
8 Portsm'th v Hudd'field 2
9 Reading v Birm'gham X
10 Southend v *Stoke* 2
11 *Sund'l'd v Tranmere X

Not on coupons: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Charlton Athletic (Sunday)

FA CUP FIRST ROUND

12 *Altrincham v Crewe 2
13 Barnet v Woking 2
14 Barrow v Nuneaton X
15 Blackpool v Chester 1
16 Bognor v Ashford X
17 Bradford v Burton 1
18 Brentford v Farnboro 1
19 Bury v Blyth 1
20 Exeter v Peterboro 2
21 Fulham v Swansea 1
22 Hartlepool v Darl'gton 2
23 Hereford v Stevenage X
24 Hitchin v Bristol R 2
25 Hull v Wrexham 1
26 Kid'minster v Sutton 1
27 Mansf'ld v Doncaster 2
28 North'pton v Hayes 1
29 North'mch v Scunth'pe 1
30 Oxford v Dorchester 1
31 Rochdale v Roth'ham X
32 Runcorn v Wigan X
33 Scarboro v Chest'field 2
34 Shrewsbury v Marine 1
35 Stockport v Lincoln 1
36 Swindon v Cambridge 1
37 Telford v Witton 2
38 Torquay v Leyton O X
39 *Wycombe v Gill'ghm 1

Not on coupons: Bournemouth v Bristol City; Burnley v Walsall (Friday); Canvey Island v Brighton (Sunday); Carlisle United v Preston North End; Cinderford v Bromsgrove; Gravesend v Colchester United; Hungerford v Wisbech; Newport (IoW) v Enfield; Rushden v Cardiff City; Slough v Plymouth Argyle; Spennymoor v Colwyn Bay; York v Notts County (Sunday)

SCOTTISH PREMIER

40 Falkirk v Hibernian 2
41 Hearts v Kilmarnock 1
42 Partick v Celtic 2
43 Raith v Motherwell X
44 Rangers v Aberdeen 1

SCOTTISH FIRST

45 Airdrie v Dumbarton 1
46 Clyde'k v Dunf'mline X
47 Dundee v G Morton 1
48 S Johnst'n v Hamilton 1
49 St Mirren v Dundee U X

SCOTTISH SECOND

50 Berwick v Clyde 1
51 Forfar v Ayr 1
52 Montrose v East Fife 2
53 Stirling v Stenh'muir 2
54 Stranraer v Q of S'th 1

SCOTTISH THIRD

55 Arbroath v Alloa 1
56 Cowdenb'th v Albion 1
57 Livingston v E Stirling 1
58 Q Park v Caledonian 2

Not on coupons: Ross v Brechin

* Pools panel to adjudicate

DRAWS (home teams) Port Vale, Reading, Sunderland, Barrow, Bognor, Hereford, Rochdale, Runcorn, Torquay, Raith, Clydebank, St Mirren.

BEST DRAWS: Port Vale, Reading, Rochdale, Runcorn, Torquay.

AWAYS: West Brom, Woking, Peterborough, Darlington, Bristol Rovers

HOMES: Leicester, Millwall, Norwich, Blackpool, Bradford, Fulham, Hull, Kidderminster, Shrewsbury, Heart of Midlothian, Airdrie, Forfar Athletic

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leicester City, Millwall, Norwich City, Hull City, Blackpool Aways: Woking, Darlington, Bristol Rovers Draws: Port Vale, Rochdale, Runcorn.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

SONOFA

(b) A despicable or hateful man, colloquial shortening of such phrases as *son of a bitch, son of a gun*, etc. "You wouldn't have found one man around here who hadn't threatened this Clancy sonofa."

ZURNA

(a) A Turkish pipe resembling a bagpipe or shawm. Turkish, from the Persian *surnā*. "If you are genuinely interested in the derivation, history and characteristics of musical instruments, you will find everything from the accordion to the zurna in *Musical Instruments of the World*."

STANLEY BUSTARD

(a) A large black and brown bustard, *Neotis denhami* (formerly *Otis stanleyi*), native to southeastern Africa. "Both the Kori Bustard and the second largest, the Stanley Bustard, perform rather grand courtship displays."

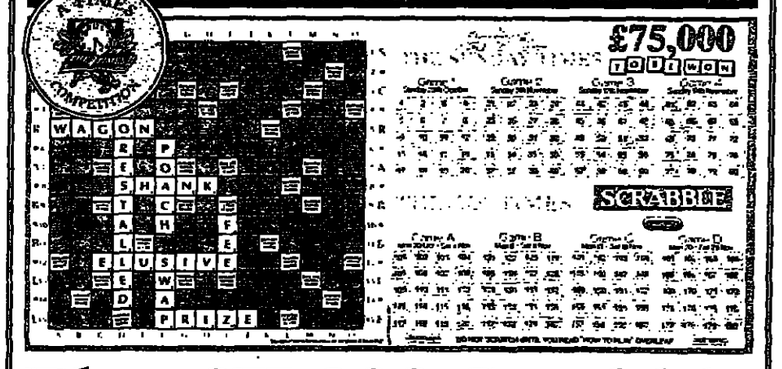
TORPEX

(c) An explosive consisting largely of TNT, cyclonite, and aluminium, used for depth charges, a blend or portmanteau of *torp(edo) - explosive*). *Jane's Fighting Ships*, 1948: "These charges could be set to explode at any depth, the former [sc. hedgehog] employing torpex, and the latter minol."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Rhxc4!; 2. bxc4 Rxd2: 3. Qxd2 Qg5 and the dual threats of . . . Qxg2 and . . . Nh3+ are decisive.

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SPEAR'S GAMES

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Former actress blends glamour with steely resolve

Waterhouse lands leading role

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN MELBOURNE

IT IS Melbourne Cup eve and a day for the ducks. Dawn has not broken over Flemington racecourse as the slight figure paces anxiously between her horses. High winds and rain have long since claimed the less committed but Gai Waterhouse is smiling, her bright red lipstick glowing in the dark like a flare. It is a to die for smile, and it has the Australian racing community at her beck and call.

The riding skills of Shane Dye are much in demand. He returns from a workout, nonchalantly tossing the reins at a stable lad before making for the warmth of the track canteen. "Tell Shane to bring that horse over here for a pick of grass," Waterhouse demanded. "He's only going to sit in his hotel room for the next four hours." Dye registers frustration before his silent compliance.

When Waterhouse sings, even Dye, the doyen of the Melbourne Spring Carnival, marches obediently to the tune. He knows that Waterhouse, 41, has emerged as a leading light among Australian trainers. She accrued earnings of A$5 million in her third season. In this, her fourth with a licence, she may well make that total look meagre. It is no mean achievement for one whose early experience of employment embraced a 13-week stint as a bit-player in the children's cult television programme, Dr Who.

"I wanted to make it as an actress," she said of her years in Britain. "I landed a role with the BBC but I was out of work as often as not." Instead, she put her theatrical instincts to best advantage. Waterhouse has transformed the winner's enclosure into her own personal stage, strutting it with a confidence that has owners queuing for tickets. Racegoers pack ten and twenty deep for a glimpse of her at work.

If her demeanour has bewitched this nation of red-blooded males, her attraction to women is equally obvious. On her slender shoulders rest the expectations of countless society matriarchs who understand fully what she will not acknowledge. Waterhouse is striking a forceful blow for her sex but declines to recognise it. "I think about winning the Melbourne Cup every day," she said, "but not as the first woman trainer."

A profound contradiction marks Waterhouse's rise through the ranks. On the one hand, she was born the only daughter of the legendary T J Smith, 33 times champion trainer in Sydney. And on visiting Europe, her contacts thrust her into the orbits of Ian Balding, Lord Huntingdon, Guy Harwood and the famed Head family from France.

Against that must be set some difficult circumstances, among them her marriage to Robbie, a leading Australian bookmaker warned off for life in 1983 after his involvement in the Fine Cotton ringer scandal. After a 15-year apprenticeship with her father, Waterhouse's application for a trainer's licence reached fruition in 1992, but only after an acrimonious legal battle with the Australian Jockey Club, the embers of which still smoulder menacingly beneath the surface.

Left to pick up the pieces of her father's foundering empire, she immediately ran into obstructions from an unexpected source. "Initially I met resistance from my own family but I'm like a terrier. I didn't start with a string of 60 like some people. I bought four horses and set out to prove myself."

However, her well-publicised court ordeal exposed her to a plethora of potential clients. "People saw that I fought for myself on certain grounds, that I was not to be taken lightly," she reflected. "They know I've got there through hard work. I've had adversity but I never give up. Some were waiting for me to fall flat on my face but I always felt I could train horses in my own right."

That is not now in dispute. She has invested her time equally between training thoroughbreds and ensuring her owners are involved as much as possible. The pace of her working day, during which the attention to detail is immense, is as demanding as the programmes devised for her horses. There is no slack in the glamorous professionalism of Gai Waterhouse.

Thousands of paragraphs have been devoted to her in the Melbourne Cup build-up. Yet seven of her own spontaneous words could not portray her more vividly. Jack Ingham, by some way the largest racehorse owner in Australia, was gracious in the defeat of his strongly fancied colt, Octagonal, by the Waterhouse-trained Nothin' Leica Dane in the Victoria Derby here on Saturday.

Octagonal appeared unlucky in running but Ingham maintained the winner was simply too good. The response from Waterhouse was both instant and accurate. "Our riding instructions were too smart."

ED BYRNE



Waterhouse has become one of Australia's leading trainers in only four seasons

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PROFESSOR PAGE (4.15 Ludlow)
Next best: Iffeee (2.00 Sedgefield)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

MACKESON GOLD CUP
Cheltenham, November 11

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Ladbrokes	Tote
Coulton	7-2	4-1	100-30
Dublin Flyer	9-2	9-2	11-2
Buckboard Bounce	7-1	7-1	6-1
Egypt Mill Prince	7-1	7-1	7-1
Big Matt	10-1	8-1	8-1
Bradbury Star	8-1	10-1	10-1
Second Schedual	12-1	10-1	10-1
Amtrak Express	10-1	9-1	8-1
Storm Alert	12-1	14-1	10-1
Gnomes Tycoon	16-1	20-1	20-1
Savard Dieu	16-1	25-1	25-1
Postage Stamp	20-1	25-1	25-1
Andreiot	66-1	50-1	50-1

FORGET summer jumping, with its small fields and poor quality, the Mackeson Gold Cup, over an extended 2½ miles at Cheltenham on Saturday, is the real starting point for the National Hunt season. Bradbury Star, winner of this keenly contested race for the past two seasons, is likely to make the line-up again as long as the ground is not too firm. He is handicapped to go close, but has not had the benefit of a prep race this year and may be found wanting in the closing stages.

Coulton, who was yesterday confirmed a definite runner, heads both the weights and the betting, but his price was slashed at yesterday's five-day declaration stage. The admirable front-running Dublin Flyer makes more appeal, having won first time out for the last two seasons, but at 11-2 he offers little value.

Egypt Mill Prince, third here last year and runner-up in 1993, is sure to make a bold bid again, but he finds this trip stretching his stamina and may be ideally suited by a stiff two miles. Buckboard Bounce won well at Newbury, but he has been raised 4lb for that success and his price reflects the tremendous recent record of his trainer, Gordon Richards, as much as his own form.

Second Schedual started last term in fine fettle, finishing a head runner-up to Bradbury Star in this race and third in the King George, before ending the season with a string of disappointing efforts. However, he made a most promising reappearance at Limerick last month, when third to Feathered Gale, and now races off a 5lb lower mark than he did here a year ago. SECOND SCHEDUAL represents a solid wager at 12-1 with Coral, who will refund stakes on any non-runners.

Balding's Ayr plan

TOBY BALDING, the Fyfield trainer, has the Scottish Grand National in mind for Romany Creek, the decisive winner of the Jennings Brewery Lucius Challenge Cup Handicap Chase at Carlisle yesterday.

The Duke of Atholl, Romany Creek's owner, has long held an ambition to win Ayr's four-mile chase and it was with this in mind that Balding bought the gelding from the Irish point-to-point circuit two years ago.

Tony McCoy was due to partner Romany Creek but had to miss the ride because of flu. Brian Clifford stepped in for the mount and, having taken command at halfway, had enough to deny the persistent challenge of Ninfa by 3½ lengths.

Brian Harding, the conditional jockey, showed his seniors the way home with a fine exhibition aboard the chasing newcomer, Peter, in the Cocker Hoop Novices' Chase. Harding had his mount jumping superbly throughout the 2½-mile contest and they pounced on the tiring Gymcrack Gamble between the last two fences to record a ten-length victory.

Officials heed union stance on Olympic selection

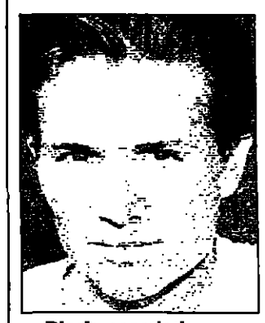
BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

GREAT Britain's selection policy for athletics at the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year, that should have been announced tomorrow, has been held in the blocks at the request of the athletes. It is the first success for what is, effectively, a new athletes' union that is being formed by Roger Black, the former European 400 metres champion, and Geoff Parsons, the Commonwealth Games high jump bronze medal-winner.

The British Athletic Federation (BAF) has agreed to delay its announcement until after it has had a chance to consider the views of nearly 200 leading athletes. The opinions are being sought by a group headed by Black and Parsons that now has the support of Jonathan Edwards, Linford Christie, Steve Backley, Sally Gunnell and Kelly Holmes.

Those athletes, together with Tony Jarrett, Mick Hill, Du'aine Ladejo and John Regis, met last week and agreed to an "increase in co-operation and support between each other, with a view to increasing the level of communication and understanding between all parties involved within the sport".

This has been a woeful year for relations between the federation and its top athletes, notably Christie, Regis and Colin Jackson, climaxing in Jackson saying last month that he would refuse to compete in most BAF events while Peter Radford, the executive chairman, was in charge. According to Black, Jackson missed the meeting only because of a hospital appointment.



Black: negotiating on behalf of top athletes

Though no formal body has been set up yet, an athletes' association is imminent. "The group have also supported Roger and Geoff in their recent efforts to gain a mandate from a wider group of British athletes and have encouraged them to continue to communicate and canvass the views of this wider group wherever possible," a press release said.

Of 344 athletes asked whether they were prepared to allow Black and Parsons to represent their views, 170 had replied. These athletes are now being asked for opinions on selection policy and the response is likely to be made known to the federation within a fortnight.

"The postponement of this announcement is the first step," Black said. "If we get a solid consensus one way or another, Radford has promised to listen."

It is the weight of numbers that the federation is taking seriously. "I am all in favour of their input as long as they are not trying to influence the selection policy of behalf of a few," Chris Carter, the secretary of the BAF track and field commission, said.

A point at issue is whether the BAF should revert to a first-two-past-the-post selection system. "The policy in the end may well be the one they have decided, but the athletes needed to give their opinions before it was announced," Black said. "They must have their say and the officials must listen."

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.15 Nothingtodowithme — 2.45 Super Sharp
1.45 Bankroll — 3.15 Rupples
2.15 Scorched Air — 3.45 LYPHARD'S FABLE (nap)
4.15 Gracefield

GOING: FIRM — SIS

1.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,150: 2m) (4 runners)

1	0	COXWELL STEPTOE 18 (M Allcopp) Miss H Knight 5-11-0	J F Titley	–
2	40	LITTLE COURT 31 (E Bevan) E Bevan 4-11-0	Mr R Johnson (5)	–
3	3-	NOTHINGTODOWITHME 293 (Capt M Gosling) T Forster 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	–
4	50P060-	ROGER DE MOWBRAY 199 (Baslerville Racing Club) R Brotherton 5-11-0	L Harvey	–

BETTING: 2-5 Nothingtodowithme, 9-2 Coxwell Steptoe, 5-1 Little Court, 8-1 Roger De Mowbray.
1994: CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 6-11-10 G McCourt (2-5 fav) P Hobbs 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

COXWELL STEPTOE 36l 10th of 24 to Andanito in National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m, 110yd, good).
LITTLE COURT 61l 8th of 10 to Le Khourrel in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good).
NOTHINGTODOWITHME 14l 3rd of 18 to Equiheat Equerame in National Hunt Flat race here (2m, soft).
ROGER DE MOWBRAY 76l 7th of 11 to Myriand in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good).
Selection: NOTHINGTODOWITHME

1.45 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,388: 3m) (4 runners)

1	1/1P3-11	BANKROLL 33 (D,F,G) (I Steers) P Hobbs 8-11-12	Peter Hobbs	(8)
2	111214	FAIRY PARK 11 (F,G,S) (Ms J Oliver) H Oliver 10-10-7	Jacqui Oliver	(7)
3	656F42	TRUST DEED 16 (B,F,G) (M Endicott) S Knight 7-10-0	M A Fitzgerald	(0)
4	4343P0	JOHN ROGER 13 (H Manners) H Manners 9-10-0	Mr A Charles-Jones	(2)

Long handicap: Trust Deed 8-13, John Roger 8-11
BETTING: 8-11 Bankroll, 6-4 Fairy Park, 8-1 Trust Deed, 20-1 John Roger.
1994: EASTSHAW 12-11-13 G McCourt (2-1 fav) T Forster 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANKROLL completed double heat Tagmoun Chaiseur 25l in 7-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm) FAIRY PARK about 12l 4th of 10 to Too Plush in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good) TRUST DEED short-head 2nd of 4 to Barnfown Bill in novice chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, firm).
JOHN ROGER 35l 7th of 9 to K C's Dancer in amateur riders' handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm)
Selection: BANKROLL (nap)

2.15 BLANDFORD BETTING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,814: 2m) (7 runners)

1	652153-	EXCLUSION 76F (D,F) (J Byrne) J Hetherton 6-12-0	G Tormey	(7)
2	4-U151	SCORCHED AIR 11 (D,F,G) (G Roberts) J O'Shea 5-11-13	B Fenton	(5)
3	0-524P	SPRING LOADED 25 (B) (J McGowan) J O'Shea 4-11-2	S Curley	(7)
4	321554	GREEN'S SEAGO 4 (D,F,G) (S McLaughlan) J A Harris 7-10-12	T Dascombe	(3)
5	11-3554	BOHEMIAN QUEEN 30 (BLG) (Group 1 Racing (1994)) J Spearing 5-10-9	S Rigbson	(5)
6	000-U48	AL SKEET 10 (D,F) (R Price) R Price 9-10-6	P McLoughlin	(5)
7	00600-3	DRAGONMIST 12 (D Roderick) F Jordan 5-10-0	T Eley	(5)

BETTING: 5-2 Scorched Air, 4-1 Exclusion, 9-2 Green's Seago, 5-1 Spring Loaded, 7-1 Bohemian Queen, 8-1 Dragonmist, 12-1 Al Skeet.
1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EXCLUSION 11l 3rd of 12 to Duncan in selling hurdle at Southwell (2m, good). SCORCHED AIR beat Frontier Flight 14l in 15-runner claiming novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). SPRING LOADED best recent effort 9l 2nd of 7 to Reach For Glory in selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm). GREEN'S SEAGO best recent effort beat Electric Committee 5l in 6-runner conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to firm) with SCORCHED AIR (3lb better off) about 19l 5th.
BOHEMIAN QUEEN about 10½l 5th of 16 to Fairy Park in amateur riders' selling handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good) on penultimate start, with AL SKEET unseated rider last.
AL SKEET 10½l 4th of 17 to Poetic Fancy in selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DRAGONMIST 16l 3rd of 12 to Taha Two in selling hurdle at Stratford (3m 110yd, good)
Selection: SCORCHED AIR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Hobbs	10	47	21.3	R Dunwoody	17	53	32.1
J Spearing	5	32	15.6	M A Fitzgerald	9	52	17.3
Miss H Knight	8	53	15.1	Mr R Johnson	3	21	14.3
T Forster	8	55	14.5	J R Kavanagh	6	44	13.6
B Preece	6	50	12.0	G Hogan	3	24	12.5
M Chapman	3	32	9.4	W Worthington	3	29	10.3

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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Racecard number So-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name (Days since last outing, F M Nat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.45 BATES & HUNT GROUP NOVICES CHASE
(£3,347: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1	124-P3F	FINAL ACE 33 (CD,F) (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 8-11-6	Mr R Johnson (5)	96
2	512-2U0	SUPER SHARP 12 (B) (M Penny) H Oliver 7-11-6	R Dunwoody	(8)
3	3021-12	GOLDEN MADJAMBO 25 (F) (T Roberts-Hindle) F Jordan 9-11-0	J Ledder	–
4	00/050P-	TRUSTINO 186 (Mrs S Nash) C Nash 7-10-9	J R Kavanagh	–

BETTING: 4-5 Golden Madjambo, 3-1 Super Sharp, 4-1 Final Ace, 8-1 Trustino
1994: MAN OF THE GRANGE 8-11-6 D Bridgwater (3-1) W Clay 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FINAL ACE dist 3rd of 7 to Take Two in novice chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. SUPER SHARP best recent effort 2¾l 2nd of 9 to Rawaan in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). GOLDEN MADJAMBO best Green's Seago short-head in 8-runner selling handicap hurdle here (3m 5f 110yd, firm) on penultimate start.
TRUSTINO 20l 8th of 19 to Ballagh Countess in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start, Apr 1995
Selection: GOLDEN MADJAMBO

3.15 HUGH SUMNER HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,723: 2m) (4 runners)

1	5P34U5	SLIPPERY MAX 19 (V,D,F,G) (P Clarke) R Juckes 11-12-0	M A Fitzgerald	84
2	332256	RUPPLES 10 (CD,F,S) (Exors of C Hague) M Chapman 8-11-10	W Worthington	93
3	033335-2	CIRCULATION 31 (D,G,S) (J Singleton) D McCain 9-10-13	D Bridgwater	(5)
4	006-241	CYRILL HENRY 13 (F,G) (Champagne and Dreams Partship) S Earle 6-10-9	C Maude	98

BETTING: 6-4 Cyrill Henry, 5-2 Circulation, 3-1 Slippery Max, 4-1 Rupples.
1994: TIME WON'T WAIT 5-11-7 J Railton (5-2) R Phillips 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SLIPPERY MAX best recent effort 28½l 4th of 6 to Kelford Bridge in conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good) RUPPLES best recent effort 34l 3rd of 11 to Mr Entertainer in amateur riders' handicap chase here (2m 4f, firm) with SLIPPERY MAX 14lb worse off) unseated rider 5th. CIRCULATION 9l 2nd of 4 to James The First in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft) CYRILL HENRY best Emerald Moon 12l in 7-runner novice handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, good)
Selection: CIRCULATION

3.45 NORTON MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,108 2m 5f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	P5	LAJADHAL 20 (P Purdy) K Bishop 5-11-4	L Harvey	(5)
2	0439-00	LYPHARD'S FABLE 38 (Mrs G McFerran) T George 4-11-4	D Bentley	(5)
3	PP0P54-	VILLAINS BRIEF 157 (B) (J Macknell) A Bunce 6-11-4	M A Fitzgerald	98
4	00/0-	LADY BREYFAX 313 (Mrs J Sidebottom) Mrs J Sidebottom 5-10-13	Mr J Jukes	–
5		WORTH THE WAIT 472F (J Watkins) R Price 4-10-13	Mr R Johnson (5)	–

BETTING: 7-4 Villains Brief, 9-4 Lyphard's Fable, 9-2 Lajadhal, 7-1 Worth The Wait, 8-1 Lady Breyfax.
1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LAJADHAL 229l 5th of 7 to Shzarid in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). LYPHARD'S FABLE 28l 11th of 14 to The Last Fling in novice handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good). VILLAINS BRIEF 29l 4th of 6 to Starla Bay in novice hurdle at Southwell (3m 110yd, good). LADY BREFAX 80l 15th of 17 to Ready To Draw in selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). WORTH THE WAIT about 15¼l 6th of 11 to On The Tide in maiden at Warwick (1m, good to firm) on the Flat.
Selection: VILLAINS BRIEF

4.15 BONUSPRINT INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,130: 2m) (7 runners)

1	0	A FEW DOLLARS MORE 11 (V) (T O O O E Partship) H Oliver 5-11-2	Phillip Hughes (7)	–
2		COUNTRY MINSTREL (S Douch) S Douch 4-11-2	Mr J Jukes	–
3		GRACEFIELD (M Worcester) N Chance 5-11-2	Mr R Johnson (5)	–
4	00-	LEGAL LORD 28l (T Hemmings) M Hammond 5-11-2	Mr J Davies (7)	–
5	3-	PROFESSOR PAGE 248 (T Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 5-11-2	A Bates (5)	–
6	0	LADY LOIS 31 (S Dean) B Preece 4-10-11	P McLoughlin	–
7	0-	ONE MORE DIME 171 (J Needham) J Needham 5-10-11	G Hogan (5)	–

BETTING: 4-5 Professor Page, 7-2 Gracefield, 6-1 A Few Dollars More, Legal Lord, 10-1 Lady Lois, 16-1 One More Dime, 20-1 Country Minstrel.
1994: DUKE'S MOUNT 4-10-7 R Massey (2-1 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

A FEW DOLLARS MORE 56l 13th of 18 to Riverdale Boy in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good). LEGAL LORD 33l 11th of 15 to Tom Brodie in National Hunt Flat race at Edinburgh (2m, good to soft). PROFESSOR PAGE 7l 3rd of 15 to Planning Gain in National Hunt Flat race at Edinburgh (2m, good). LADY LOIS 88l 14th of 17 to Queen Of Spades in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft). ONE MORE DIME 57l 13th of 17 to Anglesey Sea View in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good)
Selection: PROFESSOR PAGE

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

1.00 Shelton Abbey. 1.30 Lancer. 2.00 Iffeee. 2.30 Briar's Delight. 3.00 Joe White. 3.30 Magsiad. 4.00 Rich Desire.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 IFFEEE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

1.00 JOHN WADE HAULAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,814: 3m 3f 110yd) (7 runners)

101	4555	DESERT FORCE 66 (F,G,S) G Fierro 6-11-10	S Lycett (7)	92
102	-4P4	SHELTON ABBEY 12 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-3	D Ryan (7)	98
103	P-PP	INTO THE MYSTIC 18 (B,F,G,S) S Coathup 13-10-0	Mark Brown (7)	–
104	523P	BALZINO 4 (B) N Tinkler 6-10-0	Miss P Jones	90
105	P633	MUFID 11 (B) D Lamb 6-10-0	Mr A Manners (7)	(8)
106	U1P-	KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 182P (F,G) A Carroll 15-10-0	B Powell	–
107	4-05	STRETCHIT 17 D McCain 5-10-0	D Walsh (5)	79

2-1 Desert Force, 5-2 Mufid, 9-2 Balzino, 7-1 Kingswood Kitchens, 8-1 Shelton Abbey, 12-1 Stretchit, 25-1 Into The Mystic.

1.30 WOLVISTON JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,206: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

201		BAHAMIAN KING 17F S Kettlewell 11-3	R Garritty	–
202	305	BUSHEHR 6 S Coathup 11-3	J Supple (3)	84
203	32	EDEN DANCER 32 Mrs M Reveley 11-3	P Niven	(7)
204	023	LANCER 10 J Johnson 11-3	A Maguire	(5)
205		PADDY'S RETURN 146F F Murphy 11-3	M Dwyer	–
206	04	ROBELLINA 20 (B) M Dods 11-3	B Storey	90
207	0	RUBISLAW 30 Mrs K Lamb 11-3	Miss S Lamb (7)	–
208	23	SAMARA HARA 20 W Cunningham 11-3	E Husband (5)	97
209	PP	SPRING WONDER 33 Mrs V Aconley 11-3	P Scudd (7)	–
210	0	TINKLERS FOLLY 38 Denys Smith 11-3	A Thornton	–
211	452	CONEYGREE 10 J Wharton 10-12	B Dalton	97
212	03	SUNDAY MAIL TOO 6 Miss L Perratt 10-12	A Dobbin	81

7-2 Lancer, 4-1 Eden Dancer, 5-1 Paddy's Return, 6-1 Samara Hara, 7-1 Robellina, 8-1 Buchehr, Coneygree, 14-1 others.

2.00 DICK BREWITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,906: 3m 3f) (5)

301	-311	IFFEEE 12 (CD,F,S) P Bowen 8-12-0	A Maguire	(8)
302	-P52	FETTUCCINE 13 (B,F,G,S) R Juckes 11-11-6	A Thornton	83
303	3P3P	SCARF 4 (S) J J O'Neill 7-10-12	A Roche (3)	87
304	34-4	RUSSIAN CASTLE 10 J Wade 6-10-5	K Jones	86
305	406-	BUSY BOY 180 D Lamb 8-10-0	Mr A Manners (7)	95
306	3465	DOXFORD HUT 70 (F) W McKeown 11-10-0	G Carroll (7)	74

6-4 Iffeee, 11-4 Fettuccine, 5-1 Scarl, 7-1 Russian Castle, 8-1 Busy Boy, 12-1 Doxford Hut.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ludlow: 2.15 Spring Loaded. 3.45 Villains Brief. 4.15 A Few Dollars More. Sedgefield: 2.30 Leader Sal. 4.00 Escape Talk.

2.30 JOHN HELLENS NOVICES CHASE
(£2,770: 2m 1f) (6)

401	4-13	BRIAR'S DELIGHT 10 (B,F,G) R Allan 7-11-3	B Storey	(8)
402	F4-4	HIGHLAND POACHER 34 (S) D McCain 8-11-3	D McCain	86
403	P-42	HIS WAY 17 (F,G,S) J Johnson 6-11-3	A Maguire	–
404	-FP5	LEADER SAL 16 (B) J Wade 6-11-3	D Ryan (7)	–
405	P36-	MISTY GREY 301 (V) G Fierro 6-11-3	S Lycett (7)	89
406	05-2	MR REINER 67 (F,G,S) J Wade 7-11-3	K Jones	85

9-4 Mr Reiner, 5-2 His Way, 11-4 Briar's Delight, 7-1 Misty Grey, 8-1 Highland Poacher, 12-1 Leader Sal.

3.00 PERSIMMON HOMES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,838: 3m 5f) (6)

501	-2-2	CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 10 (F,S) D McCain 9-11-11	D McCain	93
502	3-55	KIND'A SMART 24 (F,G,S) K Morgan 10-11-11	A S Smith	94
503	00-F	JOE WHITE 29 (G) J Johnson 9-11-0	A Maguire	–
504	35-3	BAD TRADE 20 (G,S) D Alder 13-10-11	Mr A Manners (7)	85
505	PUP-	EDEN STREAM 159 G Fierro 8-10-8	J A McCarthy	88
506	-R34	ANOTHER RED 17 (CD,F,S) W Rae 7-10-6	B Storey	(8)

2-1 Crafty Chaplain, 9-4 Bad Trade, 4-1 Kind'a Smart, 6-1 Joe White, Another Red, 10-1 Eden Stream.

3.30 GREAT NORTH ROAD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,122: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

601	-111	MAGSLAD 12 (F) J J O'Neill 5-10-12	A Roche (3)	–
602	6-P3	MIGHTY EXPRESS 42 I Parr 6-10-12	M Smith	92
603	P-	NICK THE BILL 339 J Wade 4-10-12	K Jones	–
604	6-50	MILLIES IMAGE 6 F Murtagh 4-10-7	A Dobbin	(8)
605	P01-	WAR FLOWER 234P (G) A Carroll 7-10-7	B Powell	–

4-6 Magsiad, 11-4 Mighty Express, 3-1 War Flower, 10-1 Millies Image, 25-1 Nick The Bill.

4.00 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,303: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1	022-	RICH DESIRE 197 (D,F,S) F Murphy 6-11-13	A Maguire	98
2	6-32	GOLDMIRE 16 (B) W Tinning 5-10-0	D Parker (3)	97
3	3056	CARDEA CASTLE 12 (CD,F) I Parr 7-10-0	N Smith	(8)
4	040-	ROSY LYDGATE 204 S Kettlewell 4-10-0	S Taylor (7)	86
5	540	STORMING LORNA 10 W Mckeown 5-10-0	G Carroll (7)	89
6	05/0	ESCAPE TALK 16 (B) J Dooler 8-10-0	M Foster	–

10-11 Rich Desire, 3-1 Goldmire, 5-1 Cardea Castle, 12-1 Rosy Lydgate, 16-1 Storming Lorna, 20-1 Escape Talk.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 66 winners from 216 runners, 30.6%; I Parr, 7 from 25, 28.0%, S Kettlewell, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J J O'Neill, 10 from 51, 19.6%, J Johnson, 20 from 147, 13.6%, M Dods, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 59 winners from 173 rides, 34.1%, M Dwyer, 26 from 121, 21.5%; A Maguire, 14 from 79, 17.7%; D Ryan, 7 from 44, 15.9%, A Thornton, 5 from 40, 12.5%, N Smith, 11 from 91, 12.1%; A Dobbin, 10 from 100, 10.0%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

1.00 (5f 189yd) 1, Jerry Cutrona (A Whelan, 9-2), 2, Worldwide Elsie (3-1 fav), 3, Brecon (7-1); 4, Pride Of Kashmir (16-1). 16 ran. 2½l, ½l N Callaghan. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.90, £1.50, £3.40. DF: £6.40. Trio: £16.30. CSF: £19.63. Tricast: £94.78.

1.30 (5f) 1, Pivotal (G Duffield, Evens fav, Newmarket Correspondent's wspk); 2, Smaneaens (40-1), 3, Singing Pomarch (6-1) 9 ran, 4l, 2½l, M Prescott. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £5.50, £1.80. DF: £47.30. Trio: £206.90 (part won; pool of £116.80 carried forward to 1.30 at Sedgefield today) CSF: £33.74.

2.00 (6f) 1, White Plains (M Fenton, 13-2); 2, Blue Adelaide (12-1); 3, Last But Not Least (7-1) Mrs McBadger 7-2 fav 11 ran Hd, 1½l M Bell. Tote: £8.40, £2.40, £2.50, £2.40 DF: £22.90. Trio: £191.80 (part won; pool of £10.81 carried forward to 1.30 at Sedgefield today) CSF: £78.00

2.30 (6f) 1, Village Native (D Biggs, 7-2); 2, Beamage (13-8 fav); 3, May Queen Megan (12-1). 9 ran. NR: Farmost. 1¼l, ½l K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £4.90. Trio: £13.10 CSF: £9.92. Farmost (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound

3.00 (2m 93yd) 1, Millingavie (N Adams, 10-1); 2, Chita Rivera (12-1), 3, Maronetta (5-1) Decen The Second 3-1 fav 14 ran. 1¼l, 1¼l, M Johnston. Tote: £7.10, £2.10, £10.20, £1.80. DF: £122.10. Trio: £303.00 (part won, pool of £85.36 carried forward to 1.30 at Sedgefield today) CSF: £126.65 Tricast: £632.36.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, El Volador (M Henry, 4-1), 2, Nothing Doing (15-2), 3, Glow Forum (12-1); 4, Mittak (16-1). Jemima Puddleduck 3-1 fav 17 ran NR: Feeling Hope. 1¼l, 2½l, R O'Sullivan. Tote: £8.40, £2.40, £2.90, £3.60. £4.80. DF: £49.10. Trio: £328.60. CSF: £40.04. Tricast: £342.27

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Ayunli (Dane O'Neill, 14-1); 2, Fairy Knight (12-1); 3, Minnesota Viking (15-2), 4, Quest Again (14-1) Lushama 13-8 fav. 18 ran. Nk, 7l, S Williams. Tote: £31.50, £3.50, £4.20, £2.10, £4.10. DF: £104.30. Tno: £153.90. CSF: £184.20. Tricast: £1,278.40.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £28,767.45 carried forward to Sedgefield today).
Placepot: £329.00. Quadpot: £144.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.10 (1m) 1, D'Naan (T Ives, 4-6 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Milton (5-1); 3, Whitley Grange Boy (12-1) 13 ran, ½l, 4l, W Haggas. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £3.40. Tno: £13.70. CSF: £5.51

1.40 (1m 3f) 1, Father Dan (K Fallon, 6-1) 2, Instantaneous (100-30 fav), 3, Our Man Man (12-1). 13 ran. NR: Latch Key Lady. 2½l, 6l, Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £1.50, £4.80. DF: £29.20. Tno: £215.20 (part won; pool of £33.34 carried forward to 1.30 at Sedgefield today) CSF: £28.58.

2.10 (1m 6f) 1, Fair And Fancy (Mrs A Perrett, 5-1 fav); 2, Ijab (9-1), 3, Greek Night Out (13-2). 4, Kadin (14-1). 17 ran, ½l, 2½l, D Nicholls. Tote: £8.80; £2.10, £3.20, £2.00. £3.20. DF: £71.20. Trio: £107.10. CSF: £53.90. Tricast: £292.04

2.40 (6f) 1, La Petite Fusee (R H

Newcomers make history as they inflict defeat on depleted 49ers

Champions humbled by emerging Panthers

BY STUART JONES

THE San Francisco 49ers, recognised as the dominant force in the National Football League (NFL) over recent years, have endured a humbling experience that had never before befallen the champions. They were beaten at the weekend by newcomers, the Carolina Panthers, and on their own turf.

The upset was considered sensational. The description might be regarded as a typical exaggeration in a sport which, though it was confined virtually exclusively to the United States, called the winners of the Superbowl "the world champions". For once, though, the reaction is apt.

Nevertheless, there are mitigating circumstances for the surprise of this, and many other, seasons. The 49ers were depleted by the loss of several leading members of their cast such as Steve Young, their quarterback, William Floyd, a running back, and Brent Jones, a tight end.

The Panthers, in turn, are stronger than the teams who have been admitted to the League in the past. They were able to acquire experienced and talented players who, since owners are no longer allowed to offer unlimited salaries, were off-loaded before the start of the season.

Although they lost the first five games as they were finding their way, they have since won their last four. Significantly, no team has ever been as successful in its inaugural season and the Panthers have only just reached the half-way point of theirs.

The key to the most improbable of their victories was a former 49er. Tim McKyer, a cornerback, intercepted a pass four yards short of his own line and ran 96 yards in the other direction for a touchdown. John Kasay added a couple of field goals to extend the lead to 13-0.

The 49ers reduced the deficit but were unable to avoid a second successive defeat. The previous week they had been embarrassed by the New Orleans Saints, the team at the bottom of their own division. "We're hurting," Tim McDonald, one of their defensive backs, muttered. "I thought it couldn't get any worse."

But it may. Their next opponents are the Dallas Cowboys, the team they beat in the Superbowl in January. Floyd is out for the season with torn knee ligaments, Jones is also sure to be missing and Young is not certain to have recovered from a bruised shoulder.

The Cowboys, before their fixture against the Philadelphia Eagles last night, had lost one of their eight games, a record surpassed only by the Kansas City Chiefs. By contrast, the 49ers, with four defeats, are in danger of failing to reach the play-offs.

"Nobody expects us to win next week," Jesse Sapolu, a native of Samoa, admitted. Such an outlook, had it been uttered before the season opened nine weeks ago, would have been regarded as unduly pessimistic. In the present circumstances, the guard was being realistic.

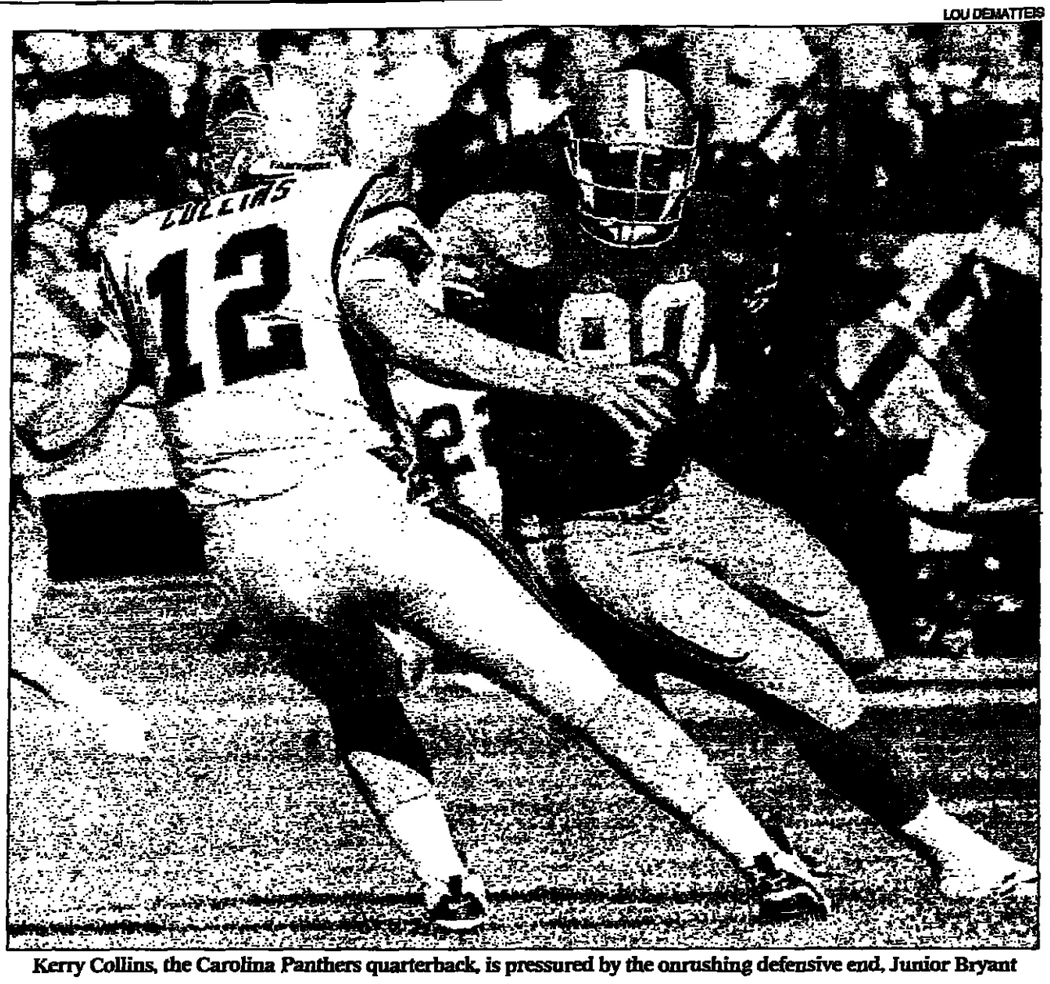
The downfall of the champions overshadowed the individual achievements of two quarterbacks. A few hours after Warren Moon, of the Minnesota Vikings, had become the sixth in NFL history to pass for more than 40,000 yards. John Elway, of the Denver Broncos, became the seventh. Moon, who also passed for more than 21,000 yards during his six seasons in the Canadian Football League, is the second fastest to do so south of the border. He reached the figure in his 164th game, 11 more than it took Dan Marino with the Miami Dolphins.

Elway was comparatively laboured. He was in his 183rd but his value to the Broncos, whose attack is based as much on the ground as in the air, is underlined by a remarkable statistic. They have never won a game in the 1990s without him as starting quarterback.

The location of the Browns next season remains confused. They were expected to move to Baltimore but before the owner could officially confirm the plan yesterday, lawyers in Cleveland, their home since 1946, requested a restraining order to block the proposal.

Baltimore has been seeking an NFL franchise since the city's Colts were moved to Indianapolis in 1984. In the deal with the Marland Stadium Authority, the Browns would receive a 30-year, rent-free lease in a new 70,000 seat, $200 million (about £130 million) stadium.

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Kerry Collins, the Carolina Panthers quarterback, is pressured by the onrushing defensive end, Junior Bryant

DETAILS

RESULTS: Atlanta 34 Detroit 22; Oakland 20 Cincinnati 17; Houston 37 Cleveland 10; Kansas City 24 Washington 3; Minnesota 27 Green Bay 24; New Orleans 19 St Louis 10; New England 20 NY Jets 7; Pittsburgh 37 Chicago 34 (OT); Denver 38 Arizona 6; Buffalo 16 Indianapolis 10; Seattle 30 NY Giants 28; Carolina 13 San Francisco 7; Miami 24 San Diego 14.

(Does not include game played last night)

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	6	3	236	147
Buffalo	6	3	172	155
Indianapolis	5	4	172	183
New England	3	6	133	201
NY Jets	2	8	137	257
Central division				
Pittsburgh	5	4	208	208
Cleveland	4	5	178	183
Houston	4	5	193	171
Cincinnati	3	6	206	203
Jacksonville	3	6	138	186
West division				
Kansas City	8	1	223	141
Oakland	7	2	233	140
Denver	5	4	208	143
San Diego	4	5	182	188
Seattle	3	6	175	223

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	7	1	231	131
Philadelphia	5	3	164	182
Arizona	3	6	140	232
NY Giants	3	6	167	201
Washington	3	7	207	241
Central division				
Chicago	8	3	252	210
Green Bay	5	4	211	188
Tampa Bay	5	4	134	148
Minnesota	4	5	189	201
Detroit	3	6	209	223
West division				
Atlanta	6	3	193	197
San Francisco	5	4	212	120
St Louis	5	4	167	188
Carolina	4	5	158	178
New Orleans	3	6	164	195

South Africa seek to make quick impression



Shaun Pollock: attacking

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN KIMBERLEY

SOUTH Africa's game plan for the five-Test cricket series against England showed little subtlety when it was unveiled by Peter Pollock, the convenor of selectors, here yesterday.

If conditions for the first Test at Centurion Park, in Pretoria, on November 16 are conducive, Michael Atherton's team will be confronted by a relentless attack from five fast bowlers — one more than West Indies fielded at the height of their powers in the late Seventies and early Eighties.

Clive Eksteen, a left-arm spinner for Transvaal, has been picked in a 12-strong South Africa squad, but his inclusion appears to be merely window-dressing. When asked to name his side in batting order, Pollock barely hesitated in placing Eksteen in the position of drinks waiter.

"We think that the pitch will be hard and provide bounce; Eksteen is only there as insurance should that not be the case," Pollock said.

Pollock's son, Shaun, 22, is the only uncapped player to be named. Pollock, who has already represented South Africa at under-24 level, replaces Fanie de Villiers, who is resting a long-term hamstring strain.

Pollock, who is likely to bowl in harness with the proven abilities of Allan Donald and the raw aggression of Brett Schultz, opened the Castle Cup season with seven wickets for 33 against Border ten days ago, but given their poor performance against England this weekend, recent events give a more accurate assessment of the danger he presents.

While England were in East London, Pollock was in action in Durban. On Sunday, a bouncer from the young fast bowler sent Richard Snell to hospital for five stitches above the left eye and two below it. It may be only coincidental, but, 24 hours earlier, Snell had inflicted similar damage to Pollock's team-mate, Jonty Rhodes.

The pace attack is completed by the dogged accuracy of Craig Matthews and Brian McMillan, the competitive all-rounder.

The South Africa batting line-up contains frailties, however, with Rhodes retaining his place despite an average of barely 20 in his past 11 Tests. The temptation to recall Kepler Wessels, 38, was negated by the player's insistence yesterday that he was not prepared to return from international retirement.

England, meanwhile, arrived here after a tortuous six-hour journey from East London to discover that their opponents on Thursday, South Africa A, will bear little resemblance to the senior side. Playing on what is expected to be a third successive slow pitch of the tour, they will encounter only the fast-medium bowling of Steven Jack and Roger Telemachus.

SOUTH AFRICA A (v England, at Kimberley): J B Commins (Boland, captain), G F J Liebenberg (Free State), P J R Steyn (Natal), L J Wilkinson (Free State), J H Kallis (Western Province), L Klusener (Natal), S J Pallraman (Border), N Boje (Free State), S D Jack (Transvaal), R Telemachus (Boland), P Adams (Western Province).

SQUAD

A C Hudson (Natal), G Kirsten (Western Province), W J Cronje (Free State, captain), D J Cullinan (Border), J N Rhodes (Natal), B M McMillan (Western Province), D J Richardson (Eastern Province), S M Pollock (Natal), C R Matthews (Western Province), A A Donald (Free State), B N Schultz (Eastern Province), C E Eksteen (Transvaal).

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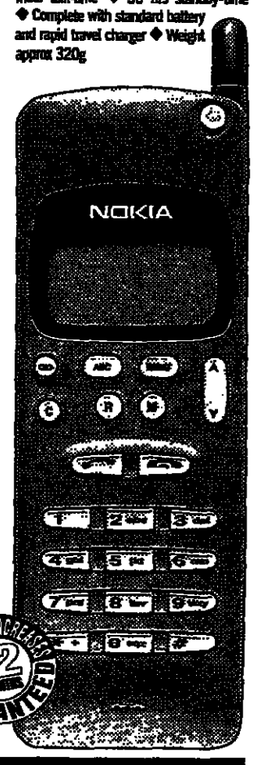
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Stylish Hussain puts England A in control

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NASSER HUSSAIN fell 11 runs short of the century his performance deserved against a Combined XI in Karachi yesterday, but the England A captain's commanding form will come as welcome news to Raymond Illingworth in South Africa.

Hussain's game has flourished along with his role as captain and will have built up the Essex batsman's hopes of a recall to the senior team from the chairman of the England cricket selectors.

Hussain's 89 was his third half-century in three matches and helped England A to a 75-run first-innings lead on the second day of the four-day match. They closed on 279 for nine in reply to the Combined XI's score of 204 all out.

Looking a class apart on a placid Defence Stadium pitch, Hussain came to the wicket after the openers, Nick Knight and Andrew McGrath, had laid a solid foundation with a stand of 67, after resuming on the overnight score of 47 for no wicket.

McGrath, of Yorkshire, who hit four fours in his innings of 30, was the first to perish when he was bowled by Nadeem Khan, the Test spinner, but Hussain came to the crease to share a 36-run partnership with Knight for the second wicket.

When Knight and his Warwickshire team-mate, Dominic Ostler, fell in quick succession to Shahid Khan Afridi, Hussain was given valuable support by Ronnie Irani, of Essex, who made 22 in a fifth-wicket stand of 47. Hussain reached his 50 off 100 balls, including six fours, and continued to prosper until Shahid returned to claim his wicket and an impressive haul of four for 71 from 29 overs.

Ian Salisbury, of Sussex, and Shaun Udal, of Hampshire, continued to frustrate the home side with a gritty eighth-wicket stand that brought 45 valuable runs. It needed the new ball to dislodge Salisbury for 27, with Taufiq Baderuddin the successful bowler, but Udal survived a dropped catch by Taufiq to move to 26 not out by the close.

SCOREBOARD

COMBINED XI: 204 (Azam Khan 55, I D K Salisbury 4-72).

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Hamid b Shahid	36
A McGrath c Yousuff b Khan	30
*N Hussain lbw b Shahid	89
D P Ostler b Shahid	0
J C Pooley b Ather	18
R C Irani lbw b Shahid	22
†K J Piper c Jaffer b Shoaib	6
I D K Salisbury b Taufiq	27
S D Udal not out	26
A M Smith c and b Taufiq	0
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (b 10, lb 7, nb 7)	24
Total (9 wkts)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-103, 3-103, 4-141, 5-188, 6-191, 7-227, 8-272, 9-276

BOWLING: Ather 26-9-47-1; Taufiq 12-3-30-2; Shahid 29-8-71-4; Nadeem 41-12-95-1; Shoaib 8-0-19-1.

Umpires: Salim Badar and Islam Khan.

Bird flies out to keep peace

DICKIE BIRD will be the man in the middle of the potentially explosive Test series between Australia and Pakistan. The Yorkshireman has been chosen from the International Cricket Council panel of independent umpires to stand in the second Test in Hobart from November 17 to 21, and the final Test in Sydney from November 30 to December 4.

There are fears that the series could rekindle animosity between the countries over a bribery scandal surrounding Salim Malik, the former Pakistan captain.

Malik, who was cast out of Pakistan cricket in March after allegations made by Tim May and Shane Warne, the Australia spinners, was cleared of bribery charges by an internal inquiry last month. He was recalled for Pakistan's tour and is expected to play in the first Test starting in Brisbane on Thursday.

Bird, who flies out to Australia on Saturday, said: "I think it will be a very competitive series because they are two very competitive teams, but I would think the Tests will be played in a good spirit." Bird's appearance in Hobart will extend his world record to 65 Tests.

Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, who has a thigh strain, was yesterday given a 70 per cent chance of playing in the Test on Thursday.

TIMES STONE

Book lovers and ghosts

Tales from the Reading Room. *Radio 4 FM. 10.00am.*

You never know what further surprises are in the store — no pun is intended — in Helen Fraser's report on the British Library's Reading Room and its contiguous storerooms. Malcolm Bradbury the novelist sets the ball rolling by asserting that he finds the Reading Room an enormously erotic place to be in. That takes some thinking about, though he does offer some illumination. It was in the Reading Room that he first set eyes on the journalist Jean Rook and a two-year romantic relationship ensued. The best-known fact about the room is that Karl Marx wrote part of *Das Kapital* there. The least-known fact is that it has a ghost — a woman who is sometimes grey, sometimes yellow and — looking for Malcolm Bradbury perhaps? — sometimes purple.

The Late Book: Dr Haggard's Disease. *Radio 4. 12.30am.*

I have listened to Patrick McGrath reading the first four parts of his novel — part two can be heard tonight — and I still do not know what the doctor's disease is, or how he acquired his artificial leg called Spike, or how it happens that he is able to confide in a dead RAF pilot, or how and where he adulterously made love to the airman's mother. Doubtless all will be revealed in subsequent episodes. There are explicit descriptions of love-making and post-mortem examinations, and everything points to the fact that something rather dreadful is going to happen to the eponymous doctor.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat; and at 6.15 The Net; 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Cling Film 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd, incl at 12.15am The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Ed Doolan 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain 8.30 A Spanish Lover, by Joanna Trollope (3/6) 9.00 Play It Again. Electric Instruments 10.00 Explorer 2 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 News; Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck; and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl 7.20 Sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: Motherwell and Hearts 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: *The Endless Knot* 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 Just a Taste 8.00 World News 8.10 Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News in German 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Sport 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf: *The Endless Knot* 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Veil of Happiness 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 From Hoplite to Harrier 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack Hit List 3.00 News in German 3.15 On Screen 3.30 Omnibus 4.00 News 4.15 The World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 News in German 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Faith 7.30 Megamix 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sport 11.00 World News 11.10am Encore 11.15 Anything Goes 11.45 Country Style Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am A Week on the Web 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 On Screen 1.30 Purcell's London 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Andy Kershaw 3.00 News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather

6.00 **On Air.** Locke (Curtain Tune, The Tempest); Vaughan Williams (A London Symphony, Symphony No 2); Boccherini (Symphony in D minor, Op 12 No 4); Holst (Suite de ballet, Op 10); 8.05 *Purcell Portfolio*: A selection of songs; 8.32 Martinu (Sonata da camera)

9.00 **Morning Collection with Paul Gamsbecini.** Bizet (Carmen: Suite No 1); Nicola Porpora (Alto Giove, Polifemo); Duparc (Lamento; Testament); Tchaikovsky (Serenade for strings, Op 48)

10.00 **Musical Encounters.** Lampe (Overture: Pyramus and Thisbe); Constant Lambert (eight Songs of Li-Po); Brahms (Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 38); 10.50 *Artist of the Week*: Gwydion Brooke, bassoon. Devienne (Bassoon Quartet in C, Op 73); 11.05 Lampe (the Lion's Aria, Pyramus and Thisbe); Vasilje Mokranjac (Study in E minor; Six Dances); Haydn (Symphony No 86 in D)

12.00 **Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week: Bridge** (Love went a-riding: Coronation March: Summer; Cello Sonata; The Story of My Heart)

1.00pm **Fairest Isle: Masque into Opera.** Bruce Wood begins a three-part series exploring the beginnings of the British operatic tradition. Includes excerpts from court masques of the time of James I and Charles I

2.00 **Schools:** Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!

3.00 **Fairest Isle: British Cities: Bradford.** Dave Russell presents a portrait of musical life in Bradford from the mid-19th century to the First World War. Including Mendelssohn (St Paul); Wagner (Tannhäuser: Overture); and a wide range of instrumental and vocal music, including pieces by Bridge, William Hurlstone, Quilter and Cyril Scott

5.00 **The Music Machine.** Tommy Pearson listens to the music of Africa

5.15 **In Tune:** Schubert (Impromtu in B flat); Field (Nocturne No 1 in E flat); Fauré (Ballade in F sharp for piano and orchestra)

7.30 **A Bach Evening,** recorded at St John's, Smith Square, London. Mass in A; Cantata No 78; Jesu, der du meine Seele; Mass in G minor

9.00 **Fairest Isle: Hope and Glory.** The Renaissance Period: Musica Transalpina (2/5)

9.15 **Fairest Isle: William Walton.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka. Strauss (Don Juan; Freundliche Vision; Ständchen; Morgen; Heimliche Aufforderung; Ruhe, meine Seele; Cäcilie); Walton (Symphony No 1)

10.45 **Night Waves.** Tony Palmer discusses Trevor Griffiths's play *Who Shall Be Happy?*

11.30 **Fairest Isle: Music Restored.** The Collegium Musicum 90 Chamber Ensemble under Simon Standage

12.30am-12.40 **Fairest Isle: Catch as Catch Can.** Bawdy songs by Purcell

1.00-1.30 **Night School.** GNVQ

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Alan Reid 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444**

10.00-10.30 **Tales from the Reading Room** (FM only). See Choice

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)

10.15 **This Sceptr'd Isle** (LW only). Charles I and the Right of an English Man

10.30 **Woman's Hour.** Introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Ladder of Years* (10/13). Lisa Ross reads Anne Tyler's story

11.30 **All in the Mind.** Professor Anthony Clare looks at the current state of mental health provision for those with a hearing impairment

12.00pm **News; You and Yours** with Chris Choi

12.25 **Booktrail** Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game. With Miles Kington, Ollie Keane, Roger McGough and Mark Thomas 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke

1.40 **The Archers** 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **First Bite: Thirty Minute Theatre: The Angel of Islington** by Alex Mermikides. One morning, Arthur finds an angel at the foot of his bed. With Alec McCowen and Elaine Claxton

2.30 **Comparing Notes with Richard Baker.** Richard Baker talks to the Japanese-born viola player Nobuko Imai

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift,** with Daire Brehan

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Vaughan looks at current children's books and reviews the novel *Tortilla Curtain*

4.45 **Short Story: The Dream Merchant.** Sara Coward reads Penelope Lively's story

5.00 **PM,** with Jon Sopel and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **No Commitments.** Last in the series by Simon Brett. With Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett (6/6) (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **File on 4.** Alisdair Sanford reports

8.00 **Science Now,** with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 **In Living Colour,** presented by Linda Mitchell

9.00 **In Touch.** Magazine for people with a visual handicap

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Janet Cohen

10.45 **Booker at Bedtime.** A further extract is read from the winner of the 1995 Booker Prize for Fiction, announced at the Guildhall this evening

11.00 **Medium wave** (r)

11.30-12.00 **The New Europeans** (FM only). Bucharest. Life in a European city through the eyes of one of its British residents (1/6) (r)

11.10 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)

12.00am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.30 **The Late Book: Dr Haggard's Disease.** See Choice 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service (LW only)

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Britain's teachers could do better. Discuss

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Here, parents, is your starter for ten: who said the following and to whom? "The history of national curricula in the world is not a very happy history. Fascist Germany had one, the USSR under Stalin had one, Mao Tse-tung had one, Greece under the colonels had one." The answer is that the statement was made by a professor to a lecture hall full of students at a . . . teacher training establishment.

We may wonder whether there is any connection between that incident and the one at a party for the staff at a school in Bristol, at which one of the teachers walked up to the head teacher's table and called him "a bastard", supported by loud applause from the rest of the staff.

Panorama: Class Struggle (BBC1) produced an excellent programme last night on the subject of teaching standards, which is no great surprise, because the doyen of television current affairs has lately acquired a new muscularity after several years of patchy performances.

One of the ghastly acronyms which marks this Government's proliferating quangos (there goes another one) recently produced a report on teaching standards. According to said acronym, Ofsted, Britain has 15,000 school teachers, teaching 400,000 children, who are not up to their jobs.

Of course if teacher training institutions are turning out teachers who have been told that a national curriculum is in some way a tenet of totalitarianism (France, for example, was a democracy the last time I looked) then a reluctance to teach it and a rebellious attitude to head teachers trying to introduce it is more or less inevitable.

But whether they like it or not, are the teachers fit to teach? And can we get rid of the minority who are not? The problem seems to be largely generational: the programme identified schools, such as the extreme Bristol case, where teachers used to the old ways are stamping their feet and crying for mother like a room full of four-year-olds denied more of the cake that made them sick yesterday.

Yet in other schools, especially inner-city ones that were on their last legs a few years ago, new brooms have swept in and brought a new generation of teachers with them, intent on making the national curriculum work. But the battle to protect duff teachers continues.

In one case, a woman teacher was advised to resign after her probationary year: her headmaster had written a report about her which said: "If I had a child in her class I would be very worried." The National Union of Teachers intervened, the education authority caved in to pressure and the teacher was moved to another school.

Oddly, she was then posted back to the first school, where parents raised a petition to get her out. Eventually she was formally suspended but as that came into effect the teacher got a job in another borough. You can just imagine Joe Stalin standing for this nonsense.

Germaine Greer is a no-nonsense type of a different order. She was in glittering form in **Face to Face** (BBC2), resisting all attempts to categorise her feminism, past or present. Nowadays her perceptive intelligence is more vivid than ever and her refusal to accept that there is or ever was a single movement called feminism is expressed with defiant rhetoric: "Why do people suppose we should be like a nunnery with a mother superior?"

Jeremy Isaacs tossed down a few token banana skins but she refused to fall over and after a while he decided to lie back and enjoy it. I think Greer genuinely dislikes talking about herself but she did go over the early life, including the rape at 19 (which she has written about) and the abortion at the same age. "But I'm not pro-abortion, that's like being pro-amputation."

Greer has of course had the good sense to avoid being dragged along as the totem for any passing march, as with the question of women priests: "I don't give a damn about the ordination of women but I watch with interest to see how they fight that corner."

The latest Greer book is about women poets and allegedly concerns their tendency to be self-destructive. But she says the book is more to do with women's passion, though perhaps it is also about what appears to be her abiding theme: "Whether the confederacy of men with women is greater than the confederacy of men with men. Normally it isn't."

From the sublime to the cor blimey: ***Omnibus*** (BBC1) had a film called *Foundation Course in Art*, which was either fascinating or a complete waste of time. I'll let you know if I ever decide. It concerned the former pop group KLF, who gave up music to become the K Foundation and announced that they proposed to move into art.

The K Foundation's inaugural drama (or publicity stunt) consisted of awarding £40,000 to the sculptor Rachel Whiteread for "the worst body of work produced in the previous year" on the same day she received the Turner Prize, a mere £20,000, for the best work of the year. Ho ho. An even bigger stir was created last year when the K Foundation (Bill Drummond and Jimmy Cauty) set fire to £1 million on a remote Scottish island, for reasons they seem unable to explain.

There was some amusing footage when the pair, having failed to get the intact money accepted by a gallery when it was nailed to a piece of wood, touted the ashes around the art world. In the course of this adventure a gallery owner announced that "it's art, if it was made by an artist". Presumably this means that a bicycle is a bus if it is ridden by a bus driver.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (27842)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94840939)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (4473007)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5900858) **10.05 Housemates** (s) (8530561)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (4604674)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9825910) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** With David Nobbs and Sean Maguire (s) (4061858) **12.50 Regional News** (23698910)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (71378)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (25660649) **1.55 Columbo** (r) (7736587) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (1229823)
3.30 Funnybones (r) (s) (6110533) **3.35 Blinky Bill** (5443823) **4.00 Oscar's Orchestra** (s) (6097303) **4.25 Animal Hospital** (s) (5284303)
4.35 NEW **It'll Never Work.** The science show returns (s) (1081397)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8176303)
5.10 Byker Grove (Ceefax) (5699804)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (606378)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (303)
6.30 Regional news magazines (755)
7.00 Holiday. Includes Jill Dando taverna hopping in Crete. (Ceefax) (s) (9674)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (939)



Paul Gross in a farcical plot (8.00pm)

8.00 Due South. An attempt to deliver an important letter from the Canadian Embassy goes awry and Fraser is caught between a bride, a groom and rubbish skip. With Paul Gross (Ceefax) (s) (769656)
8.50 How to Be a Little S*d: Male Bonding, with Rik Mayall. (Ceefax) (s) (164303)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2939)
9.30 Crimewatch File: Going Under. When two elderly men were murdered in Lincoln in 1991, police had very little to go on until traces of paint on an axe-head led them on a journey across Europe and back to Lincoln to the killer. Presented by Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (102262) **Wales:** Week In Week Out (54200) 10.00 The Dragon Writes Back (916129) 10.10 Rugby: Llanelli v Fiji (571465) 10.40 Crimewatch File (885858) 11.30 Film: Shout (562303) 12.55am Film: Movers and Shakers (2175430) 2.10 News headlines and weather (7526156)
10.25 FILM: Shout (1991). With John Travolta, James Walters, Linda Fiorentino, Heather Graham, Richard Jordan. In 1950s rural Texas, a young offender falls in love with the daughter of the martinet warden of the home. Directed by Jeffrey Hornaday (Ceefax) (s) (1211939)
11.50 FILM: Movers and Shakers (1985) with Walter Matthau, Charles Grodin, Vincent Gardenia and Tyne Daly. A Hollywood producer buys the film rights to the book *Love in Sex*, to keep a deathbed promise, and hires a neurotic writer to turn it into a screen romance. Directed by William Asher (906378) **1.05am Weather** (3502311)

BBC2

6.00am Perpetual Motion (51397) **6.30 The Net** (41649)
7.00 Breakfast News (4167991) **7.15 Lassie** (8866754) **7.40 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (s) (1472674) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r) (s) (3533910) **8.35 The Record** (s) (4316194)
9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6930787)
2.00 The Family Ness (r) (76288755) **2.05 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (76287026)
2.10 A Century of Warfare The Eastern Front 1941-43 (s) (8193533)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather; **Westminster with Nick Ross** (7050842) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6912668)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (668) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (552) **5.00 Esther** Immigration (s) (4552)
5.30 Going Going Gone. Auction game (804)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American teen comedy (r) (s) (139262)
6.25 Heartbreak High. Australian drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (582281)
7.10 Dear Dilemma Dramatised crises that are then discussed by celebrities. (Ceefax) (s) (895216)
7.30 From the Edge. Magazine series made by disabled people for the disabled. (Ceefax) (s) (281)
8.00 Life's a Lottery: It Could be Smethwick. The vicar of Smethwick Old Church, Birmingham, Martin Gorick, understands why people fantasise about winning the National Lottery, but he believes the money spent on tickets could be better used for the community (s) (335133)

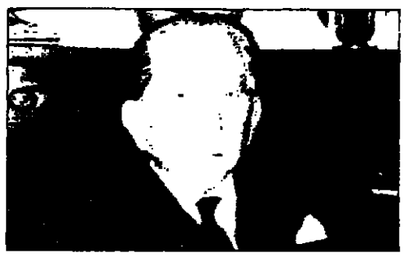


Sarah Dunant and Tracey MacLeod (8.10pm)

8.10 BOOKER PRIZE **The Booker Prize** (s) (940842)
9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Classic comedy (r). (Ceefax) (3281)
9.30 NICE WORK **Nice Work: Death of a Bank Manager.** (Ceefax) (s) (468465)
10.10 Tools of the Trade (colour and b/w). The series taking a lighthearted look at people's relationship with work. Uniforms: why are they so popular with employers, and what is their function? (Ceefax) (s) (840674)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (768262)
11.15 The Camera at War. The story behind ten of the most famous photographs of the Vietnam War (r) (s) (653026)
11.55 Weather (266842)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sarah Baxter. Political chat show (s) (77717)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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CHOICE



Portrait of the oil baron J. Paul Getty (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: The Gettys
ITV, 10.40pm

The troubles of our own Royal Family are but a mere bagatelle compared with the trials suffered by America's equivalent, the Getty dynasty. In this lavish two-parter, the history and legacy of J. Paul Getty, the world's richest man, is told with the aid of previously unseen private family footage. It is an unlovely story about an unlovely man. Paranoid, deeply reserved and notoriously mean (he installed a payphone for his guests at his English mansion, Sutton Place), he was chronically unable to show love to any of his offspring. By the end of this episode one son has committed suicide, another is a casualty of the Swinging Sixties and one is dead from a brain tumour. Yet Getty's *annus horribilis* is still to come.

Nice Work: Death of a Bank Manager
BBC2, 9.30pm

Once upon a time bank managers were pillars of the community: respected, middle-class and secure in their jobs until retirement. Now, with the introduction of computers and sales targets, all that has changed. The third in this excellent series about white-collar workers under siege concentrates on the erosion of a middle-class bastion. Former bank managers (all men, of course) relate their experiences of how it was before the 1980s and how it is now. From being a figure of authority the bank manager has become little more than a stressed-out salesman. Chris Petit's film has stylish flourishes such as captioned buzzwords and neat edits but the relevance of the car park footage and a naked lady wandering around is somewhat puzzling.

Without Walls: My Generation
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Those haircuts currently adorning the heads of the Britpop bands such as Pulp and Blur will be very familiar to those who remember the Small Faces. Described by writer Charles Shaar Murray as white soul boys on acid, those East End 'erberts are the first of another trio of 1960s bands to get rehabilitated. (Others to follow are the Yardbirds and, strangely, Herman's Hermits.) The surviving members (gravel-voiced Steve Marriott died in a house fire in 1991) tell the familiar story of rip-offs, adulation and drug-crazed lunacy. They were so financially screwed-up that Ronnie Lane, now suffering from multiple sclerosis is struggling to pay his medical bills. Litigation is in progress to claw back those royalties. Also in the slot is the last of the car-design series, which is devoted to that Tardis on wheels, the People Mover.

The Booker Prize
BBC2, 8.10pm

There's nothing quite like the Booker prize for causing unprecedented amounts of publicity through the controversy it seems destined to arouse. This live coverage from London's Guildhall of the announcement of the winner will be preceded, as in previous years, by an alternative panel giving their opinions on the remaining five and making their personal choice. This year, Sarah Dunant chairs the discussion between writers Howard Jacobson and Michelle Roberts and Bill Buford, former editor of the *Granta*. Will Salman Rushdie win for a record second time with his The Moor's Last Sigh? **Frances Lass**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9177397)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9426281)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (4231754)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8043571)
10.35 This Morning (72167533)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9821194)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9934858)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9846649)
1.25 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (50098197)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (92068552)
2.20 Vanessa: I Married a Comedian (Teletext) (s) (70235281) **2.50 Capital Woman** (s) (2796823)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8905939)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8997910)
3.30 Gigglish Allsorts (s) (5923804) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (6125465) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) (5927620) **4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (5193007) **4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (6446194)



Paula comforts cancer patient Swifty (4.40pm)

4.40 The Ward (s) (2105194)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. An interview with Luther Vandross. (Teletext) (7106587)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (949620)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (879378)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (571)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (823)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1842)
7.30 NEW **The Tuesday Special: Fire Raisers.** With arson increasing at a record rate, an investigation into why fire raisers do it (s) (197)
8.00 The Bill: With This Body A corpse in a car poses a problem for Boyden and Hollis as the dead man seems to have led a double life. With Tony O'Callaghan, Jeff Stewart and Geraldine Griffiths (Teletext) (7262)
8.30 NEW **The Cook Report.** Roger Cook and his team expose intimidating bailiffs, crooked art dealers and fathers avoiding payment to the mothers of their children (6397)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Leaving. Army drama. Garvey's future is uncertain when he is accused of attacking another soldier. (Teletext) (s) (3533)
10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (20755)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (878281)
10.40 NICE WORK **Network First: The Gettys — A Tragedy of Riches.** (Teletext) (434668)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (821945)
12.40am War and Remembrance (r) (169682)
2.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (5196663)
3.00 The Beat (s) (6255663)
3.55 America's Top Ten (s) (18713682) **4.25 On the Live Side.** Music by Lee Ritenour and Ron Carter (s) (19900205)
4.30 Videofashion. Architects of Style. Fashion magazine series (40798)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (26084)
5.30 ITN Morning News (65972). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff Cartoon series (r) (8213084)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (67129)
9.00 Evening Shade (r) (s) (39084)
9.30 Schools. Eureka! (4960397) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4958552) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5804620) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (3934216) **10.25** How We Used to Live (3840823) **10.45** Caradean (7196644) **11.00** New Living Body (1007561) **11.20** Stage One (696658) **11.35** Film and Video Showcase (4256910) **11.45** First Edition (4299484)
12.00 Spirits, Ghosts and Demons A three-part series on what life is like for children in contemporary China (r). (Teletext) (s) (27668)
12.30pm Sesame Street. With the band Zap Mama (76129) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (25759587)
1.55 Australia Wild. Flora and fauna (25661376)
2.25 FILM: The Gentle Gunman (1952) starring John Mills, Dirk Bogarde, Elizabeth Sellars, Barbara Mullen. A Second World War drama about two London brothers who are both involved with the IRA until one renounces violence. Directed by Michael Relph and Basil Dearden. (Teletext) (708674)
4.00 Think Tank. Team quiz. (Teletext) (s) (736)
4.30 Fifteen To One with William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (620)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (r). (Teletext) (s) (4220113) **5.50 Terrytoons** (965129)
6.00pm The Avengers: Castle De'Ath. Spoof secret agent adventures starring Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg. In Castle De'Ath Steed becomes a strapping Jock and Emma lays a ghost (Teletext) (s) (42465)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (5271291)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (776397)
8.00 Dosh. Magazine series about money, presented by the self-made millionaire Shami Ahmed. Includes a report from the Shakerley council estate, near Wigan, on how many people could rightfully claim part of the £3 billion worth of unclaimed benefits every year (Teletext) (s) (5804)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4939)
9.00 NICE WORK **Without Walls: Autoerotic.** (Teletext) (s) (5649) **9.30 Without Walls: My Generation** (Teletext) (s) (47910)



Vanessa Redgrave as Miss Amelia (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: The Ballad of the Sad Café (1991) starring Vanessa Redgrave and Keith Carradine. A drama set during the Depression in a small town in the Deep South, marking the directorial debut of Simon Callow. (Teletext) (s). (802281)
11.55 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Florida hospital (Teletext) (s) (338465)
12.30am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of AC Milan v Cagliari (7537040)
1.25 World Tennis. From Paris, the last of the Super Nine tournaments (3840595)
1.55 The Sahara Project. (7/8) German drama about scientists trying to find an alternative energy source for Europe in the Sahara. Starring Helmut Berger and Peter Bongartz. Dubbed in English (1297021). Ends at **2.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9846549) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (50098197) **2.50-3.20** Marquee (2796823) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7106587) **6.25** Anglia Weather (869026) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (823) **7.30-8.00** Heirloom (197) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (878281) **12.45am** Film: Going Undercover (410088) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (3275345) **3.15** The Best (3275175) **4.05** The New Music (9039205)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Special Babes (2796823) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7106587) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (858736) **11.40** Tour of Duty (821945) **4.25am** Jobfinder (3677021) **5.20** Asian Eye (4271779)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9846549) **1.25** Home and Away (11399939) **1.50** Vanessa (25664465) **2.20** Behind the Palace Walls (70235281) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2796823) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7106587) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (858736) **7.30-8.00** The Rock and Goal Years (197) **11.40-12.40** Time Trax (821945) **4.25-5.00** Jobfinder (9090779)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7688465) **1.20** The Lady Killers (59648656) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Calendar (2796823) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (7106587) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (823) **7.30-8.00** Fair's Fair (197) **4.25am** Jobfinder (9090779)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The New Mr & Mrs Show (2796823) **5.10-5.40** Designed by Emanuel (7106587) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (823) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (197)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (4231754) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9821194) **12.55** Emmerdale (9846549) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (50098197) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2796823) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8997910) **5.10** Home and Away (7106587) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (882842) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (571) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (823) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right Live (197) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (878281) **12.35am** Film: Going Undercover (156243) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (3275345) **3.15** The Best (3275175) **4.05** The New Music (9039205) **5.00** Freescreen (26084)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (4231754) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (8930842) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9839113) **12.55** Emmerdale (9846549) **1.25** Home and Away (50098197) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (92086552) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (2796823) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (8997910) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7106587) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (44823) **7.30-8.00** Little River Journeys (197) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News, Weather (878281) **4.25am** Jobfinder (9090779)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (4231754) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (9821194) **12.55** Emmerdale (9846549) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (50098197) **2.50-3.20** Yorkshire Calendar (2796823) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale Network North (8997910) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7106587) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (145649) **6.30-7.00** Action Time (823) **7.30-8.00** Who Do You Do? (197) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (878281) **11.40** Around the House (299910) **12.10am** Film: Carry On Cleo (1965) A Roman romp starring Amanda Barrie, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams (807205) **1.50** The Little Picture Show (1207408) **2.50** Sport AM (1069750) **3.45** The Beat (4947972) **4.40** Jobfinder (7653514)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67129) **9.00** Evening Shade (39084) **9.30** Schools (38858) **9.30** Eureka! (7859262) **9.50** Archwyio (9181378) **10.00** Flern Bryn Gwyn (5804620) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (3934216) **10.25** Iawl Biwyddyn 7 (3840823) **10.45** Caradean (7196644) **11.00** The New Living Body (1007561) **11.20** Stage One (6966587) **11.35** Film and Video Showcase (4256910) **11.45** First Edition (4299484) **12.00pm** Australia Wild (27668) **12.30** Gumdrop (30674) **1.00** Slot Madinn Abc (60216) **1.30** Baby Its You (39945) **2.00** Hidden Hands. A Different History Of Modernism (51026) **3.00** Love In The Afternoon (39858) **4.00** Think Tank (736) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (620) **5.00** 5 Pump Lined 5 (96201) **5.30** Fifteen To One (209) **6.00** Newyddion (597262) **6.15** Heno (588465) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (425691) **7.25** Glamocs (157939) **8.00** Gwyn A' I Fyd (5804) **8.30** Newyddion (4939) **9.00** Dim Tafod: M.O.M Caeradin (7303) **10.00** Brookside (28397) **10.30** Heroes Of Comedy Joyce Grenfell (64533) **11.30** Film: Time After Time (18489587)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (48484) **8.00** Power Rangers (48129) **8.30** Jeopardy (67200) **9.00** Court TV (58552) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (50200) **10.30** Concentration **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (42084) **12.00** Spellbound (41216) **12.30pm** Designing Women (57552) **1.00** The Waltons (82007) **2.00** Geraldo (84378) **3.00** Court TV (72281) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (9773200) **4.20** Kids TV (1204552) **5.00** The Next Generation (8533) **6.00** Power Rangers (9113) **6.30** Spellbound (1115) **7.00** LAPD (9262) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6649) **8.00** Nowhere Man (12282) **9.00** Chicago Hope (32026) **10.00** The Next Generation (35113) **11.00** Law and Order (21397) **12.00** Letterman (9601446) **12.45am** Crossings (3221205) **1.30** Anything But Love (23999) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (8389514)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (3097533) **10.30** ABC Nightline (52378) **11.00** News and Business (956202) **1.30pm** CBS News (20571) **2.30** Parliament (1571) **4.00** World News and Business (98228) **5.00** Live at Five (2303) **6.30** Tonight (28939) **8.30** Target (8587) **9.00** World News and Business (722397) **11.30** CBS News (98668) **12.30am** ABC News (29866) **1.30** Tonight Replay (19445) **2.30** Worldwide Report (60088) **3.30** Parliament Replay (55514) **4.30** CBS News (28224) **5.30-8.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (4803842) **10.00 To Dance With the White Dog** (1993) (98668) **12.00 A Whale for the Killing — Part Two** (1981) (81281) **2.00pm The Jokers** (1966) (26465) **4.00 Moon Zero Two** (1969) (3465) **6.00 To Dance With the White Dog** (1993) (19129) **8.00 Mother's Boys** (1993) (14674) **10.00 Fist of Justice** (1993) (791736) **11.40 The Temp** (1993) (463216) **1.20am Tennessee Nights** (1990) (574866) **3.00 The King's Whore** (1990) (57311) **4.30-6.00 Moon Zero Two** (1969) (21779)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Angels With Dirty Faces (1938) (5007) **6.00 Stage Struck** (1936) (61133) **8.00 Stardust Memories** (1980) (14688) **10.00 Iceman** (1984) (702736) **11.50 Assault on Precinct 13** (1976) (620674) **1.25am Frankenstein Created Woman** (1966) (3546048)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's Peril (1951) (48007) **8.00 The Three Musketeers** (1992) (32823) **9.00 Robin Hood** (1985) (84649) **10.00 The Geisha Boy** (1958) (89910) **12.00 Missing Parents** (1993) (89823) **2.00pm Detective Story** (1951) (24007) **4.00 The Three Musketeers** (1992) (96736) **5.00 Robin Hood** (1985) (4571) **6.00 The Counterfeit Contessa** (1994) (72856) **7.30 Special Feature: The Making of Nine Months** (5587) **8.00 Breaking the Silence** (1991) **10.00 Carlito's Way** (1993) (7112B1) **12.30am Thunderheart** (1992) (35427) **2.30 The Visitors** (1972) (29040) **4.00-6.00 My Breast** (1994) (72446)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (32446823) **6.30** Muppet Babies (27558842) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (67441858) **7.30** Ducktales (67357465) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82350281) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (82359552) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82340804) **9.30** Pooh Corner (90763378) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (27549194) **10.30** Quack Attack (82442216) **11.00** Walt Disney (67365113) **12.00** Boy Meets World (82360688) **12.30pm** Thunder Alley (90787194) **1.00** Flipper (90782649) **2.00** Wonderland (78299378) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (86186200) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78201113) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (86271845) **4.00** Quack Attack (86187552) **4.30** Ducktales (86183736) **5.00** Chip 'n Dale Rescue Rangers (78386858) **5.30** Danger Bay (86270216) **6.00** Tarzan (86277129) **6.30** Dinosaurs (86188281) **7.00** Walt Disney Presents (99372842) **8.00-10.00** FILM. The Magnificent Rebel (99369378)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf (22804) **8.30** Speedworld (56939) **10.00** Supercross (42858) **11.00** Football (59194) **12.00** Football (91194) **1.00pm** Strength (44482) **2.00** Aerobics (13804) **3.00** Tennis (1186465) **6.30** News (5571) **7.00** Tennis (47303) **9.00** Motors (19129) **9.30** Mother's Boys (1993) (14674) **10.00 Fist of Justice** (1993) (791736) **11.40 The Temp** (1993) (463216) **1.20am Tennessee Nights** (1990) (574866) **3.00 The King's Whore** (1990) (57311) **4.30-6.00 Moon Zero Two** (1969) (21779)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (69571) **7.30** Racing News (37736) **8.30** Tartan Extra (63823) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (656200) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (74939) **12.30pm** Football. Nottingham Forest v Wimbledon (94587) **2.30** Tartan Extra (5194) **3.00** Opposite Lock (18804) **5.00** Wrestling Mania (2277) **6.00** Sports Centre (6823) **6.30** Pub Quiz (3303) **7.00** Scottish Football. Live Motherwell v Hearts (489945) **10.00** Sports Centre (75668) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (57216)



Karl Boehm as Beethoven in *The Magnificent Rebel* (Disney, 8pm)

11.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA (8189910) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (91868)

SKY SPORTS GOLD
10.00pm Football Hall of Fame (5879552) **10.30** Golden Gloves (5073378) **11.30** Superstars (3394484) **12.30-1.00am** Sport Remembered (8695066)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL
4.00pm Living Word **5.00** Kenneth Copeland **5.30** Kidz TV **5.45** General Christian Entertainment **6.15** Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Christian Music Television

SKY SOAP
7.00am Guiding Light (1754910) **7.55** As the World Turns (8096200) **8.50** Peyton Place (2057129) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (25729911) **10.10-12.00** Another World (1362262)

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (2831620) **11.30** Travside (2849649) **12.00** On Top of the World (5878823) **12.30pm** The Restaurant Show (1816026) **1.00** Around the World (9514007) **1.30** Guide (1815397) **2.00** Ski (3390658) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (6253303)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm Our Century (2855200) **5.00** Alive (6514484) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1997945)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
7.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6515113) **7.30** Ray Bradbury Theatre (6166823) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Jack the Giant Killer (9140326)

TLC
9.00am Toycraft (8584378) **9.30** Madeleine (2324939) **10.00** Grow Your Greens (4327194) **10.30** Will It Hum? (8573282) **11.00** Only Human (5044587) **12.00** The Right Thing? (8597842) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2328755) **1.00** Madeleine (5046303) **1.30** Toycraft (2327036) **2.00** Park High (7794668) **2.30** Soul (8764858) **3.00** Greens (7879303) **3.30-4.00** Green Fingers (6769303)

UK GOLD
7.00am Narna (5945262) **7.30** Neighbours (5964397) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8596113) **8.30** EastEnders (8596484) **9.00** The Bill (8586736) **9.30** The Sullivans (2326397) **10.00** Dorothy L Sayers (5953281) **11.00** Dallas (5046945) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8599200) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2320113) **1.00** EastEnders (5944533) **1.30** The Bill (2329484) **2.00** The Sullivans (63273026) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (6542552) **3.00** Angels (7775533) **3.30** Eldorado (8665533) **4.00** Casualty (19007649) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4978552) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (9412649) **6.25** EastEnders (8783262) **7.00** Eldorado (7790342) **7.30** The Liver Birds (6674281) **8.00** George and Mildred (3079213) **8.25** Butterflies (9777991) **9.00** Danger UXB (4886303) **10.00** The Bill (6837823) **10.35** Classic Sport (24397378) **11.40** Carrott Confidential (4196465) **12.20am** Dr Who (2284205) **12.50** Out (4164137) **1.50** Shopping

TCC
6.00am Casper (36552) **7.00** Pink Panther (98804) **7.30** Ready or Not (17939) **8.00** Sweet Valley (17665) **8.30** Casper (3773804) **8.45** Dinobabies (3874587) **9.00** Tiny (274620) **12.00** Tiny (298200) **3.00pm** Sonic (7465) **3.30** Pink Panther (1397) **4.00** California **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley (2216)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7876736) **6.15** Grimmy (7864991) **6.30** Hero Turtles (343967) **7.00** Batink (9222026) **7.05** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1674939) **7.45** Rugrats (873842) **8.15** Doug (617754) **8.45** The Ferals (8522991) **9.00** Nick Junior (6546842) **12.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (65281) Littlest Pet Shop (8281) **4.00** Fish and Chips (1739) **4.30** Rugrats (8200) **5.00** Classic (6194) **5.30** Nancy Drew (7552) **6.00** Doug (4465) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1945) **7.00** Fish and Chips (9858) **7.30-8.00** Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys (7129)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wildside (6016620) **5.00** Out of the Past (7797755) **6.00** Invention (6765567) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8566028) **7.30** Agenda 21 (6672823) **8.00** Azimuth (4791281) **9.00** State of Alert (6012604) **9.30** On the Road Again (2308991) **10.00** Outlaws (4781804) **11.00-12.00** Interstate (5952552)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. A Hill in Korea (61480007) **1.20pm** 120 Volt Miracles (6114823) **2.00** Danger Man (4322649) **3.00** Robin Hood (7873128) **3.30** Man from Interpol (6763129) **4.00** FILM: The Captain's Paradise (7877945) **6.00** Scotland Yard (6689113) **6.30** Department S (8553552) **7.30** Adventures of Robin Hood (6676649) **8.00** Space 1999 (4795007) **9.00** FILM: Wild Palms (78348668) **10.45-12.00** FILM: Invasion of the Saucer Men (44568820)

UK LIVING
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Thirteen-man code fixes plans for European competition and world championship

Super League sidesteps closer union

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

RUGBY league made a ringing declaration of independence yesterday when it launched the European Super League at Headingley. The mutterings for unification with rugby union, now open, after 100 years were firmly laid to rest.

On the back of a highly successful World Cup, expansion and global influence are not the fanciful and grandiose notions they were only a few months ago. The domestic and international calendar for the first summer Super League season next year, leading up to further World Cups in this country in 1997 and in Australia to coincide with the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, is awash with ambition the sport has always had, and is now in a position to cultivate.

Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League, was bullish about the future. "I think the question of unification has gone away. We were the weaker partner. Rugby union had more countries, more players, more administrators that's for sure. But the World Cup was an indication of exciting development in places like Western Samoa, Fiji, Tonga and the Cook Islands," he said.

"I think we should give these countries every opportunity and, therefore, international rugby league will stand alone against rugby union. It might not be as big in the early stages, but I think you can watch this space. The two sports will run competitively and strongly, with growth, side by side."

Eleven countries have thrown in their lot with Super League, leaving the Australian Rugby League (ARL), the only governing body not signed up alone on the now defunct international board. A new board is being created under the auspices of Super League, whose international remit is significantly broader than at any time in the game's history.

As Super League and ARL continue their court fight in Sydney for control of the game, it is increasingly apparent there will be rival competitions in Australia from March next year. Mal Meninga, the former Australia captain and one of the forces behind Super League, sees the ARL withering on the vine. "They will fold and I think you'll see one competition three years down the track," he said.

In turn, the ARL claims Super League, although it has a ten-team Australasian league in place, will neither be legally nor competitively fit to start. With the backing of The News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, Super League confidently announced its first schedule, culminating in world club championship play-offs between the top four sides in the European and Australasian competitions, and a final in Australia before a ten-match tour by Great Britain.

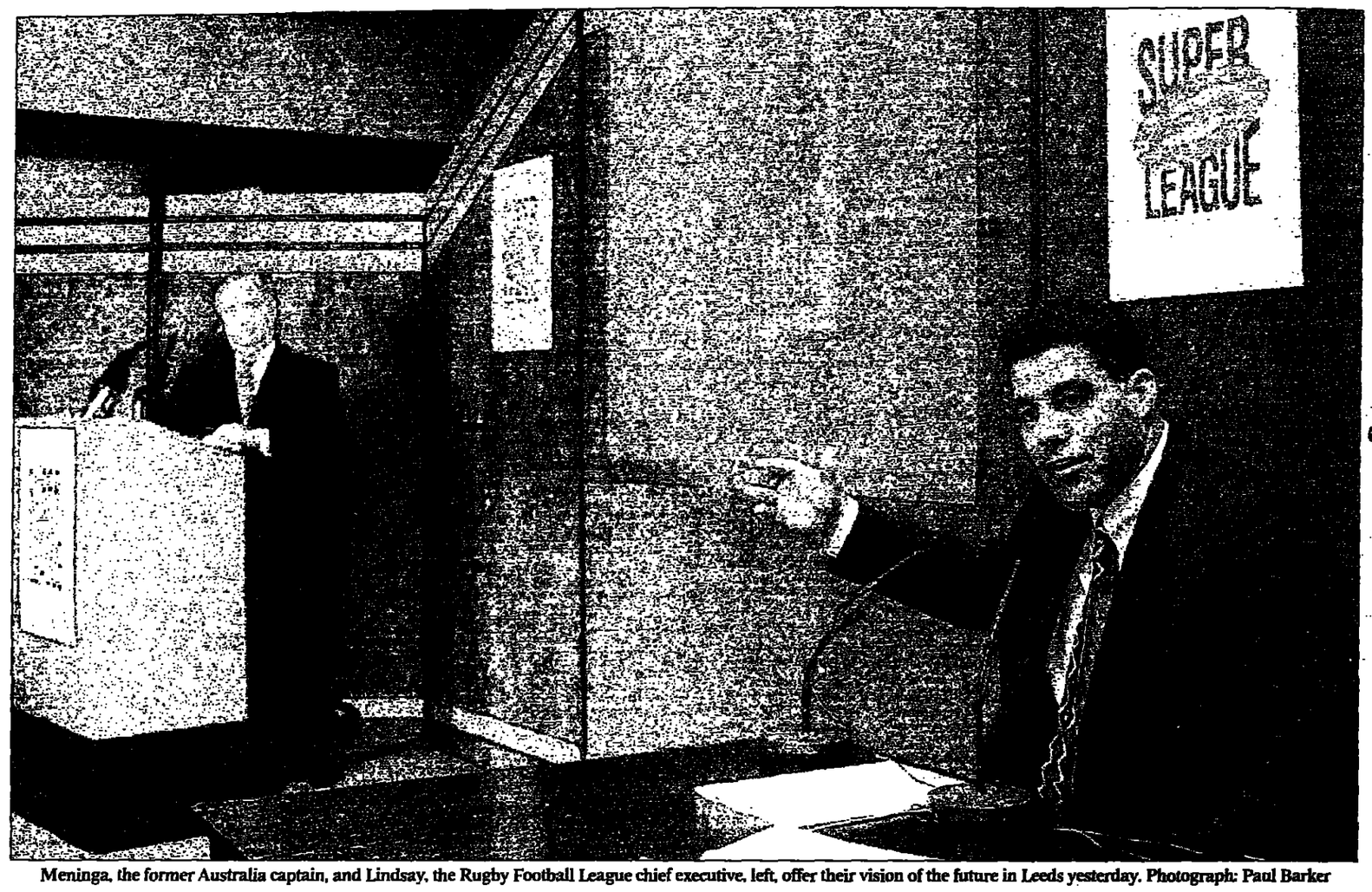
The 12-team European league, including Paris, will be played on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, generally at night, with half the matches screened live on Sky Television from March 29. As well as world play-offs, the top four will play in an end-of-season Premiership in September. A one-up, one-down system will operate with the first division.

Newcastle and a side in Cardiff, the more remote of the two possibilities, could be fast-tracked into an expanded Super League by 1997. The Challenge Cup survives the upheaval, but its position in the calendar after next year has still to be decided.

Internationally, the triangular European championship will operate as a midweek competition in June, and from 1997, will become a five nations' tournament, with Ireland and Scotland, which could also stage its first home match at Hampden Park next autumn, when the winners of a new Oceania Cup, for the South Pacific nations, will tour here. This coincides with Great Britain's tour, with six international matches against Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. There is a five-year commitment to Fiji hosting a World Nines competition in February featuring 16 nations.

Lindsay expects Ireland, Scotland and the Cook Islands to have made sufficient strides to compete in the World Cup proper in 1997 and that Canada, Japan, Italy and Spain will be included in the emerging nations event. Hong Kong, Tokyo and San Francisco have been earmarked as venues for world club championship finals.

For a sport riddled by parochial inertia in Britain, which only in April failed to agree mergers of clubs a few miles apart, these are heady, worrying, exciting times. The rationalisation process has, in effect, come in by stealth, with Super League. The haves outweigh the have-littles, who might not share Lindsay's stated ambition yesterday: "To take our game to the rest of the world."



Meninga, the former Australia captain, and Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, left, offer their vision of the future in Leeds yesterday. Photograph: Paul Barker



Warming to summer

RUGBY league is in a whole new ball game, and not the round and oval-shaped ones it has been used to competing with for more than a century (Christopher Irvine writes). These come smaller, in the shape of tennis, cricket and golf balls, part of the traditional English summer sporting heritage.

With the European football championship in England in June and the Olympic Games in Atlanta in July and August, 1996 is hardly an auspicious year to launch a summer sport whose active support in winter is only 50,000. Televised delights will never have been so ample.

The March to September season holds out the prospect of warm nights, firmer grounds, slicker entertainment and pre-match extravaganzas, but loyalists and potential newcomers face tricky choices; the Wimbledon men's final or Bradford v St Helens?; Open Championship golf or Paris v Wigan?; Lord's Test or Leeds v Paris?

In the fight for exposure, rugby league could be exchanging one set of problems for another. Of course, Central Park, Headingley and Knowsley Road could join Henley, Royal Ascot and Wimbledon as the places to be seen.

KEY DATES

March 29-31: First round. Bradford Bulls v Castleford, Halifax v London Broncos, Leeds v Warrington, Paris v Sheffield Eagles, Wigan v Oldham, Workington Town v St Helens

Sep 1: Premiership semi-finals

Sep 8: Premiership final, Old Trafford

Sep 14: World club championship quarter-finals: Match A, European champions v Australasian fourth place; Match B, European runners-up v Australasian third place

Sep. 15: World club championship quarter-finals: Match C, Australasian winners v European fourth place; Match D, Australasian runners-up v European third place

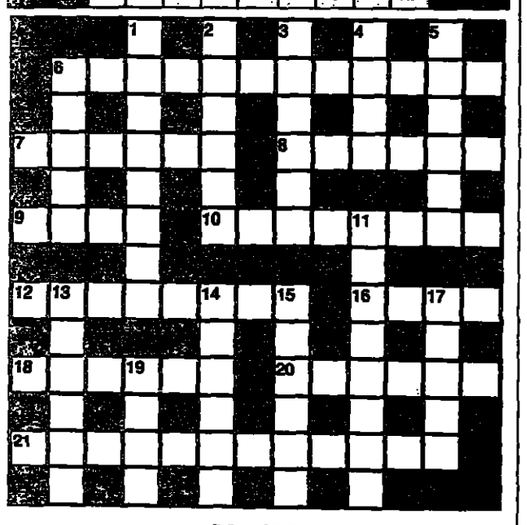
Sep 20: European semi-final: Match A winners v Match B winners, at Old Trafford or Elland Road

Sep 21: Australasian semi-final: Match C winners v Match D winners, Sydney

Sep 28: World club championship final, Sydney

☐ *10-team Australasian Super League starts March 1*

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7 Raise agreed house price (6)
8 Port engraved on Mary I's heart (6)
9 Sharp: interested (4)
10 Upset, anguish (8)
12 Twistable lid (5,3)
16 Gangster's girl: — Flanders (*Defoe*) (4)
18 Verbose (6)
20 Muscular, forceful (6)
21 Heater used in lab (6,6)

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1 Ordered succession (8)
2 Paid extra: recommended (6)
3 Acrobat, clown etc entertainment (6)
4 Surety money (4)
5 Run (eg of TV programmes) (6)
6 Talk emptily (5)
11 Cud-chewer (8)
13 Get cosy; shrink in embarrassment (4,2)
14 Raising money: onerous (6)
15 One trying falsely to impress (6)
17 Further down: scowl (5)
19 Whip blow (4)

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Clubs seek £1m to fund new era

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S leading rugby union clubs laid out their stall yesterday for the game's new professional era, and the initial price tag for the goods on offer will be £1 million. That is the new money the first-division clubs believe they must find, for each club per season, to properly fund an elite game.

English First Division Clubs Ltd (EFDC), the company established by the ten leading clubs plus Northampton of the second division, unveiled their proposals 48 hours before the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will do the same. Perhaps to the surprise of some, their findings may not be too far apart.

When the RFU established its commission in September, the clubs expressed no confidence in its constitution. Since then they have had extensive contact with the commission, and Peter Wheeler, the Leicester president who chairs the EFDC, said: "Anyone involved in rugby will find that much of what we are saying is based on common sense."

The clubs seek direct representation in the running of competitions, particularly in

Pilkington Cup draw 44

the commercial negotiations by which they hope to benefit. A leading plank of their report is for one contract only, between club and player, and for some system of regulation in a transfer system.

"For the first time ever we have views on issues agreed by all the first-division clubs," Wheeler said.

The clubs have considered the contractual arrangements of their counterparts in rugby league, cricket and football and acknowledge that most of their member clubs already have contracts drawn up, despite the RFU's moratorium for the season on the implementation of professional regulations. "We need to know very quickly what the ground rules will be for next season," Wheeler said.

"We need to know what income we will get from competitions next season, then we can properly put our players under contract. We feel a target figure of £1 million per club per season would be achievable for the funding of a professional game." But Wheeler emphasised that money would not come from competitions other than those in which the clubs are involved, in which respect they expect a healthy return from television rights and sponsorship, as well as gate receipts.

They want to share such returns equally across the first-division board, but those clubs that go furthest in cup competitions should be permitted to capitalise on their success. Their projected European and cross-border competitions, however, depend on the national unions re-arranging their domestic seasons along similar lines, to allow for a season starting with a domestic league, then a European League, a domestic cup and, finally, international rugby, played in April and possibly May.

Wheeler also projects a scenario in which clubs from both rugby codes, union and league, make joint application for government funding of capital projects.

Murphy retires and reaches for Sky

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

LESS than a month after the most courageous and, perhaps, most controversial sporting comeback of the year, Declan Murphy yesterday announced his retirement from the ranks of National Hunt jockeys.

The Irishman, whose style in the saddle is matched only by his eloquence out of it, is to pursue a career in television. He is joining Sky Televison's Racing Channel, which went on air for the first time yesterday morning. Murphy, 28, made a return to race riding at Chepstow on October 10, 17 months after a life-threatening fall at Haydock which left him with a fractured skull and on a life-support machine for four days.

His victory, on the Geoff Lewis-trained Jibereen, at the Welsh course prompted an inquiry by the Jockey Club into possible race-fixing. Jibereen was never challenged as he made all the running and landed a significant on-course gamble.

No sooner had Murphy confirmed his intention on the new Racing Channel to quit as a rider, than the Jockey Club's Security Department announced an investigation into betting patterns had failed to produce any evidence suggesting there had been a breach of the Rules of Racing.

Murphy said: "I was offered the job [on the Racing Channel] quite a while ago



Murphy: television career

and it was hard to weigh up. But winning on my comeback ride was such a high that I thought no matter what I did afterwards would be an anti-climax.

"I gave up riding for two weeks afterwards to see if I would miss it and I felt that I didn't miss it at all. I would never have allowed race-riding to be taken away from me by accident but having come back and found I was riding as well as ever I had nothing to prove to anyone.

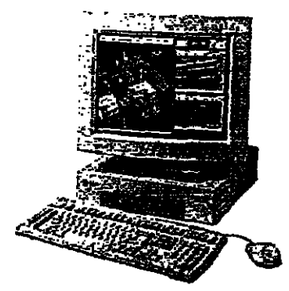
"I'll be working on the breakfast and lunchtime programmes."

Josh Gifford, the Findon trainer who retained Murphy as a jockey, said: "He's a very sensible lad. It's a sport where you have to give 120 per cent — if you have any doubts you should give up. It's a regrettable decision but I'm pleased for him as he had a horrible fall and it's a miracle he came back at all."

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